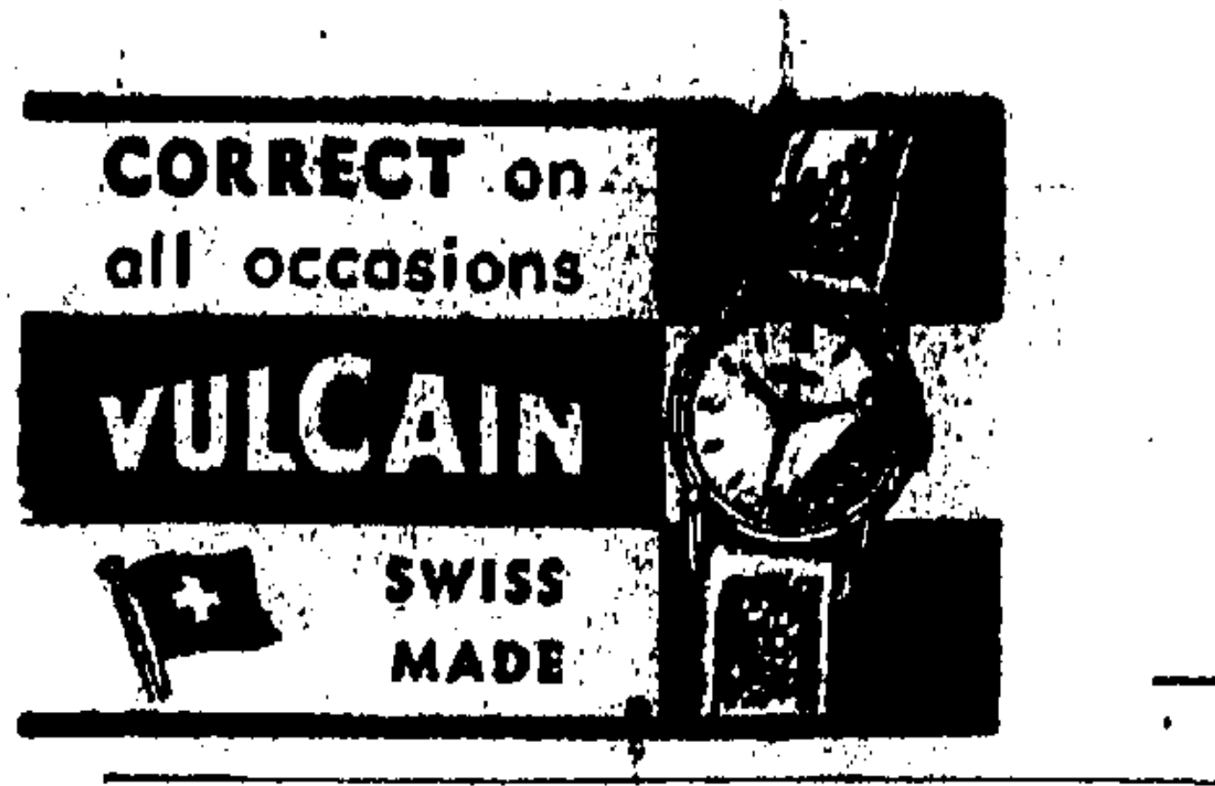
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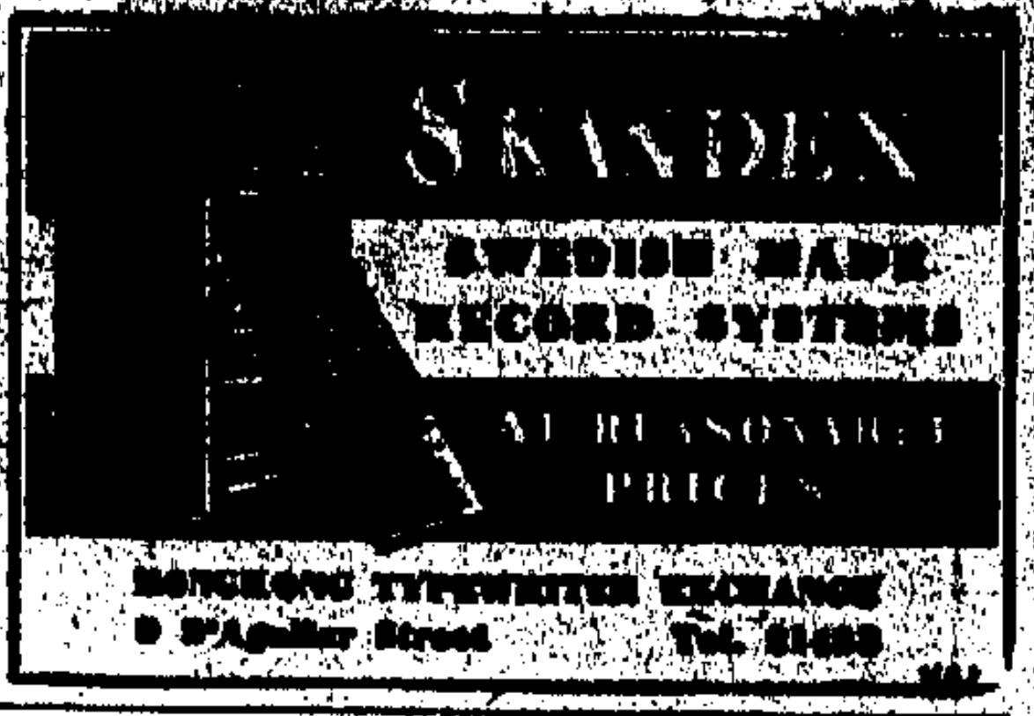
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Colonies' Part In Drive To Weather Economic Gale

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

London, Jan. 21.

Cuts in imports which Mr Oliver Lyttelton is to recommend to Colonial governments following the decision of the Commonwealth Finance Ministers to put sterling area trade in balance with the rest of the world by the second half of this year, will not result in any reduction of imports below 1951 levels.

The official aim is rather to prevent imports from the dollar area and any other hard currency countries from rising any further.

The Finance Ministers are clearly basing much of the confidence in the ability of the Sterling Area to weather the present economic storm on the hope of increased exports of primary products from the Colonies.

Mr Lyttelton said tonight that from the colonies' point of view, the two most important sections of the conference communique were those dealing with plans for developing Commonwealth resources and the need for "frequent and comprehensive consultations" between the Governments.

This suggests that the colonies will be well represented on the Working Party that is to begin an immediate examination of all possible means of increasing Commonwealth production and also at meetings "on an official level" which will take place from time to time to review progress on the measures now being considered. Steps will be taken immediately to maintain and increase surpluses earned by certain colonial territories in their trade with the rest of the world.

BIGGEST EARNERS

Ministers feel that raw material production would be "greatly encouraged" by regularity in purchases from countries outside the Sterling Area. This will probably be one of the questions dealt with by the Working Party investigating. A good deal clearly depends on the success of efforts to increase colonial raw material production.

Mr R. A. Butler pointed out tonight that first and foremost of the prerequisites of convertibility is a substantial increase in gold and dollar reserves. Colonial raw materials are by far the Empire's biggest dollar earners and they are being relied upon again to play a major part in rebuilding the reserves.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer effectively scotched rumours that some Commonwealth countries were seeking to leave the Sterling Area. The sentiments expressed by the conference, he said, "were quite the reverse." In that way, he added, it was a most inspiring conference. — London Express Service.

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Beggar Wins Fortune

Venice, Jan. 21.

An almost blind Venetian beggar became a multi-millionaire in lira today, having correctly guessed all of yesterday's winners in the Italian soccer pool.

Because of his poor sight, 72-year-old Teodoro Causin did not notice the posted results. A friend, who checked his ticket, discovered Causin had won.

Both the beggar and his 72-year-old wife, Virginia, who who bore him 21 children, were speechless.

Causin won about 4,240,000 Lira.—Associated Press.

N. Zealand's Premier

Mr Sydney Holland, the Prime Minister of New Zealand, photographed with his son in London. Mr Holland has been attending the Commonwealth Finance Ministers' Conference, and engaging in conversations in connection with the Royal Tour by Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh. (Central Press).

Heated Debates On Red China And Japan Expected In Commons

London, Jan. 22.

Communist China and Japan are expected to figure prominently in heated debates when the House of Commons reassembles next week after the Christmas recess.

Besides demanding a clearcut statement from Prime Minister Winston Churchill on what transpired in his talks in Washington with President Truman, the small but energetic left-wing groups within the Labour Opposition ranks will bring forward certain proposals touching on Japan and People's China.

They have already submitted a formal resolution demanding repeal of the Japanese peace treaty because of the Japanese Government's declared intention of recognising the Chinese Nationalist regime in Formosa.

These left-wing groups have a clear attitude on these questions:

1. They want Britain to disown the Japanese peace treaty, and propose a Far Eastern conference attended by the Chinese Communist leader, Mao Tse-tung.

2. They rigidly oppose any suggestion of making attacks on Chinese territory.

But the majority of the Labour Party, led by ex-Foreign Minister Herbert Morrison, are more guarded.

An authoritative Party source said today the whole Labour movement would oppose a major attack on China or the bombing of Chinese cities.

But, he added, many Labour members agree to bombing of the Yalu bases if the Chinese violated the Korean truce and attacked United Nations forces.

The resolution urging the repeal of the Japanese peace treaty was submitted in the names of six left-wing Labour members of Parliament headed by Harold Davies, a Bevanite.

It calls for immediate legislation to repeal the Japanese peace treaty act "in view of the Japanese Government's premature announcement of its diplomatic policy and, in particular, of the dangers inherent in its declared intention of establishing relations with the Formosan Government of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek."

All the backers of the resolution voted against the treaty bill when it was passed by the House on November 26.—Reuter.

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Saigon Reign Of Terror

Saigon, Jan. 21.

Reinforced troops and police patrolled the streets here tonight after terrorist "bicycle bombs" injured at least 30 persons and damaged government buildings.

Communist terrorists attached time charges to bicycles which they left parked in two crowded squares.

Listed as in serious condition were eight native civilians caught in the blasts, which went off within seconds of each other. It was the second time this month Vietminh terrorists had planted explosives in the heart of the city. [illegible]

COMMENT OF THE DAY

A Dastardly Murder

MORE than three months have passed since Egypt unilaterally denounced her treaty with Britain and officially-backed acts of terrorism started in the Suez Canal Zone. During this period numerous outrages have been committed, considerable damage done to property and the normal economic life of the Zone brought to a standstill. Nothing perpetrated by the terrorists to date, however, has so shocked the outside world as the dastardly murder of Sister Anthony, an American nun in the French Convent at Ismailia. The death of Sister Anthony was no accident; enough evidence has been forthcoming to show that it was a cold-blooded and callous murder, and General Erskine, the British Commander in the Zone, did not put it too strongly in describing the Egyptian action as an "atrocity by mad terrorists." Outrages such as this not only have the effect of exacerbating feelings on both sides in the immediate trouble area; they also have an inevitable effect on public opinion abroad and lessen prospects of a settlement. In the light of events such as occurred at Ismailia, the Egyptian Foreign Ministry's allegation that British troops are "not even observing the laws and customs of war," and its references to "crimes against humanity," and to the "shameful violation of the rights of man and the most elementary principles of humanity" take on an atmosphere of the grotesque. Parallel with these official absurdities is an increasingly fantastic series of accusations in the Egyptian Press, not the least of which is the allegation of "torture of Egyptian patriots" by the British forces. The accusation is flagrantly false, its object obvious—to fan the fires of hatred of Britain and in particular to spur misguided Egyptian youths who have enrolled in the so-called Liberation Battalion to commit further atrocities. The Egyptian campaign can easily boomerang; its only effect must be to postpone all chances of an amicable settlement of Egypt's differences with Britain.

Commonwealth Partnership

THE feeling grows that things are at last on the move and that after touching bottom Britain has begun the long climb upward. Nothing concrete, on the surface, has emerged from the Commonwealth Finance deliberations except full realisation that a lasting solution of the sterling area problems has to be found and a full understanding of magnitude of the task. And these are the important things. The Commonwealth countries are committed to the cutting of imports so drastically that the decline in the reserves in London will be reversed by the latter half of this year. They must retain and strive to increase their present earning power and if necessary seek long-term loans from outside the Sterling Bloc to [illegible] a balance of trade sound enough to permit free convertibility of the Pound Sterling. All of which offers high encouragement. It may be asked, of course, how the sterling area ran into such grim difficulties. After all, it is only two and a half years since the last crisis and the last special meeting of the Finance Ministers. The answer is that Empire countries are still not sufficiently informed about one another. If they had been, today's crisis would have been foreseen and earlier steps taken to halt it. For years it has been urged that a permanent Empire Council be formed to keep the Commonwealth in continuous touch. Mr Churchill has himself said, "We must develop the habit of discussing our problems together as partners." There can be no dissent from that; [illegible]

CONVERTIBILITY OF THE POUND A MAIN OBJECTIVE

Commonwealth Programme To End Sterling Area Crisis

London, Jan. 21.

The recovery of the Sterling Area will not be complete "until the conditions have been created in which Sterling can become and remain convertible," stated an official communique issued here this evening at the conclusion of the Commonwealth Finance Ministers' Conference.

"It is our definite object to make Sterling convertible and to keep it so. We intend to work towards that goal by progressive steps aimed at creating the conditions under which convertibility can be reached and maintained," the communique said.

It added, "We have arranged for an investigation of the steps which should be taken along the road to convertibility to begin forthwith."

The communique also said that the Finance Ministers and representatives of the Commonwealth countries in the Sterling Area had agreed during the talks to bring urgently to the attention of their governments "the critical nature of the present situation and the need for immediate corrective action."

"In this connection," the communique added, "they will put before their governments certain definite proposals calculated in the aggregate to insure that the Sterling Area as a whole will be in balance with the rest of the world in respect of the second half of 1952."

Stating that the Finance Ministers recognised that the Sterling Area was faced with a very serious crisis "which, if it is not effectively dealt with, will have far-reaching consequences," the communique continued.

"The crisis has arisen because the Sterling Area as a whole is spending more than it is earning with the result that its gold and dollar reserves have been falling at a rapid rate.

"We are confident that this situation can be set right and that the steps which will be taken will give to Sterling the strength it must have to continue as a widely used international currency.

UNDERLYING PROBLEMS

"We are convinced that this cannot be attained by negative and restricted methods alone or merely by the imposition of cuts on imports from certain parts of the world.

"The present difficulties of the Sterling Area, while partly due to short-term factors, also reflect continuing underlying problems. These problems must and can be solved.

"For this reason we are strongly of the opinion that measures taken to stop the drain upon reserves must form part of a long-term policy designed to restore and maintain the full strength of Sterling.

"It is quite clear that the only way to prevent a recurrent drain on the central gold reserve is for every country in the Area strenuously to endeavour to live within the means which are or will be available to it.

"The Sterling Area as a whole must succeed in this endeavour.

IMPERATIVE

"The urgency of the immediate situation and the present level of the gold reserves require that the Sterling Area as a whole should be in balance with the rest of the world at the latest in respect of the second half of 1952. It is imperative that this should include at least a balance with the dollar area within the same period.

"During the course of our discussions the Finance Ministers and representatives of the Commonwealth countries in the Sterling Area agreed to bring urgently to the attention of their governments the critical nature of the present situation and the need for immediate corrective action.

"In this connection they will put before their governments certain definite proposals calculated in the aggregate to insure [illegible] order to relieve the current pressure of the area.

"The methods by which members will contribute to these ends are within the discretion of each country concerned and will vary according to their individual circumstances.

"The first and most important step is to ensure that the internal economy is sound and that all possible measures are taken to combat inflation.

"This is not only essential for an improvement in the balance of payment but it will also help to keep down the cost of living.

"Another important requirement is to increase exports and earning power. In some cases long-term borrowing from outside the Sterling Area may be practicable.

"Finally, so far as other methods do not fully achieve the desired result it will be necessary as a temporary measure to reduce imports.

"It was agreed that while emergency measures to stop the immediate drain upon the gold reserve were necessary and inevitable they could only be palliatives.

LASTING SOLUTION

"A lasting solution of the Sterling Area's problems must be found in order to prevent the recurrence of a crisis to make Sterling strong and to establish the economies of member countries on a sound and stable basis.

"These aims can best be achieved when the world-wide trade of the Sterling Area is on a substantially higher level than at present, when Sterling is freely convertible into all the main currencies of the world and its position need no longer be supported by restrictions on imports.

"When this state of affairs has been reached, the countries

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P.I. SHIP'S OFFICERS INDICTED

Trip To Hongkong

Manila, Jan. 22.

The captain and four officers of the motorship Boatswain Hitch have been charged before the Manila Court of First Instance with illegal export of fuel oil to Communist China.

The five were charged with responsibility for the disappearance of 113,000 gallons of diesel oil which the ship carried on its voyage to Hongkong on January 4.

The complaint pointed out fuel oil is of military value and its exportation without presidential approval is illegal.

The indicted officers are Leoncio Castolo, master; Jose M. Gonzales, first engineer; Valeriano F. Teves, second engineer; Gonzalo Castro, third engineer; and Celestino Toraya, fourth engineer.

The men were detained by army authorities on their return from Hongkong on January 18 and held for questioning at National Defence Headquarters. Bail for each was set at $5,000.

Defence Secretary Ramon Magsaysay is reported to have requested Ramon Aboitiz, President of the Philippine Steam Navigation Company which owns the vessel, to appear for questioning.—Associated Press.

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Chinese Priest Found Buried

Rome, Jan. 21.

The body of Father Pietro Sun, Chinese provincial head of Lazarists in Northern China, has been discovered in a shallow grave just outside Peking, the Sacred Congregation for the Propagation of Faith said today.

Reports which reached the Congregation said that the remains of Father Sun were discovered by accident and the site was marked only with the priest's name and age written on a piece of paper.

The reports said that Chinese police officials, who had notified neither the family of the priest nor his congregation, stated earlier that he had died in prison during August.—United Press.

LIVERPOOL REMEMBERS

Liverpool, Jan. 21.

Pupils at Leyfield School, Liverpool, remembered in prayers today a "wonderful, kind and noble person"—Sister Anthony, 62, who was shot in the convent of St. Vincent de Paul by Egyptian terrorists on Saturday.

Sister Anthony, American nun, taught at Leyfield School for five years before the war.

"But she had always wanted to go back to Ismailia, where she served for many years as a young sister," said a nun at Leyfield School.

Sister Anthony left Liverpool in 1940.—Reuter.

King Talal's Child Falls Ill

Lausanne, Jan. 21.

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Churchill Down With A Cold

New York, Jan. 21.

New York today concelled plans for a city reception for Mr Winston Churchill because he has "a very bad cold," officials said.

"Mr Churchill's doctors have directed him to remain indoors," they added. "The entire programme for tomorrow has been cancelled."

Mr Churchill, who is 77, is staying at the home of his friend, the "Elder Statesman," Mr Bernard Baruch. He still plans to sail for home tomorrow in the Queen Mary.—Reuter.

NEW LEASE OF LIFE TO STERLING

London, Jan. 21.

Mr Richard Butler, Chancellor of the Exchequer, who presided over the Commonwealth Financial Ministers' Conference which ended here today with the issuing of an official communique, declared tonight that the talks had given "a new lease of life to the Sterling Area."

He told reporters that the Ministers did not decide on a percentage cut in dollar expenditure because the Sterling Area had a balance of payments problem also with non-dollar areas.

Mr Butler said that each Commonwealth country could use the device of long-term borrowing if it wanted to. It could borrow money from the International Bank, the International Monetary Fund, the United States or any other country.

Countries represented at the talks were: Australia, Britain, India, New Zealand, Pakistan, South Africa, Southern Rhodesia and the British Colonies and Empire territories.

They had met with the Sterling Area's gold and dollar reserves down to £834,000,000, and diminishing at such a rate that they would be down to £500,000,000 in July this year if the drain were not stopped—Reuter.

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Washington, Jan. 21.

The Dutch premier, Mr Willem Drees, said today, after a 45-minute conference with the Secretary of State, Mr Dean Acheson, that an understanding on the European defence force appeared possible. — United Press.

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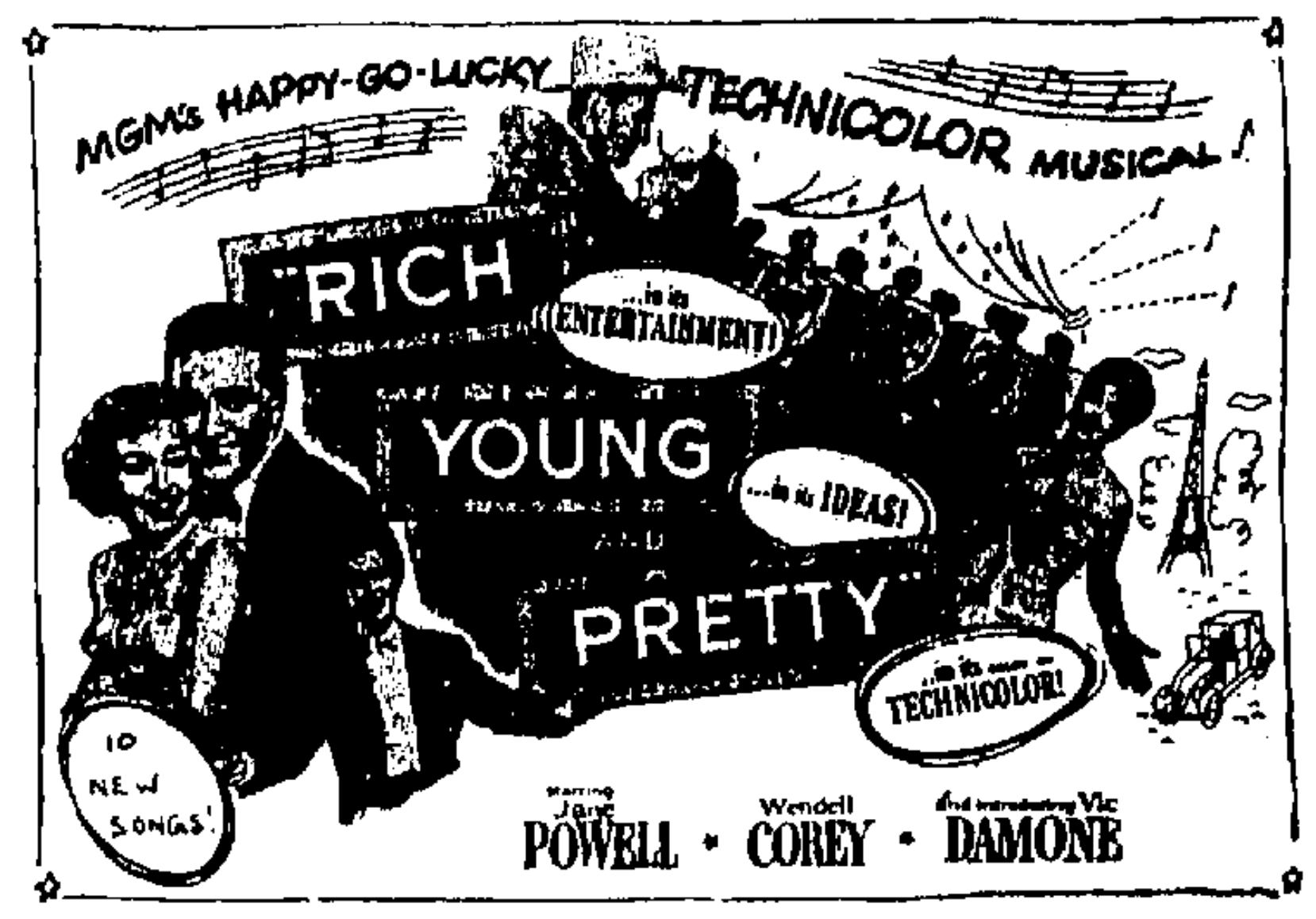
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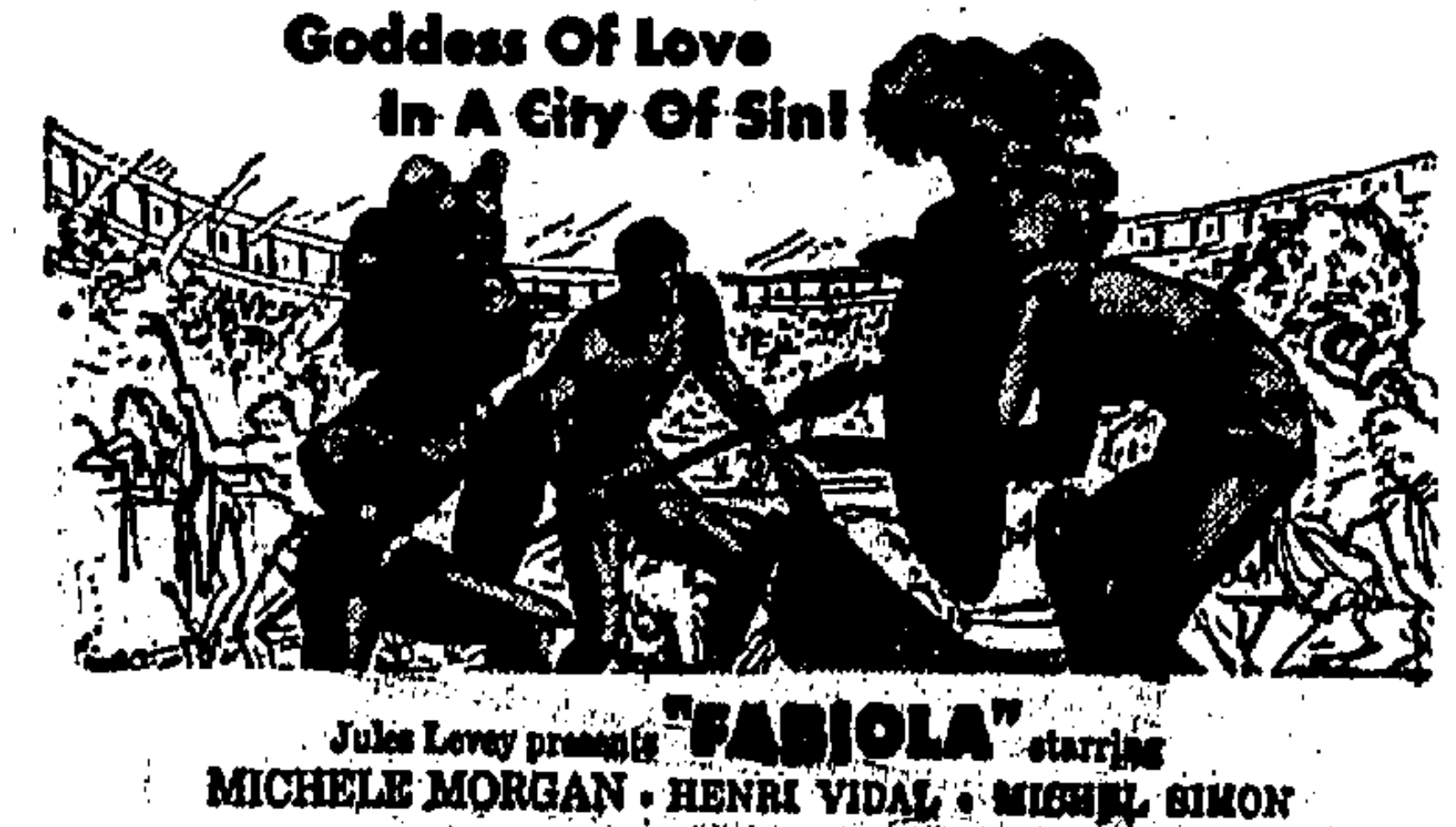

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Delegation Going To Formosa

Tokyo, Jan. 21.

Sources close to the Japanese Government stated today that Japan would send a delegation to Formosa at the beginning of February to begin negotiations for a bilateral treaty with Nationalist China.

The same sources interpreted the recent statement by the Nationalist Foreign Minister, George Yeh, as a formal reply to the proposal to conclude a treaty which was mentioned in a letter from the Premier, Mr Yoshida, to the American Counsellor of State, Mr John Foster Dulles.

In the letter, published on January 16, Mr Yeh stated that the Nationalist Government was ready to start negotiations immediately with Japan for a peace treaty.

The head of the Japanese Government Agency at Taipei, Shiroshichi Kimura, arrived in Tokyo on Saturday to confer with his Government on the proposed Treaty and to present the Chinese point of view. He will return to Taipei in a week's time.

LIMITED ONLY

The Japanese delegation which will be sent to Formosa will probably include Ken Inukai, whom the Government proposed to send as Envoy Extraordinary.

Well-informed sources today believed that the draft of the proposed treaty had been prepared by the Japanese Minister of Foreign Affairs and would be taken to Formosa by the delegation at the beginning of February.

The Japanese Government's draft treaty will recognise the Taipei regime as the only legitimate government in the areas actually under its control and not as that of all China, an informant said.

The source said that the Foreign Office will inform Lieutenant-General Ho Sai-lai, head of the Chinese mission here, of its intention to send a delegation to Taipei. — France-Presse and United Press.

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Increase In Strength

Tokyo, Jan. 21.

Japan's fledgling army—the national police reserve—will be increased in the fiscal year 1953 to a total of 110,000 men, its chief said today.

The Minister without Portfolio, Takeo Ohashi, said that the present strength of 75,000 would be increased by 35,000 men in the coming fiscal year.

The Minister intimated the possibility of a change in the original figure after the conclusion of an American-Japanese administrative agreement to be negotiated here in the near future by a State Department mission headed by Mr Dean Rusk.

At the same time, he discredited Press reports that the strength of the national police reserve would be revised upwards to 310,000 men in 1953.—United Press.

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Envoy Sees Eden

London, Jan. 21.

The Spanish Ambassador, Duke Primo de Rivera, who returned at the week-end from a holiday in Madrid, called on the Foreign Secretary, Mr Anthony Eden, today.—Reuter.

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BLUE GIRL BEER

GENERAL'S BODY LIES IN STATE

The flag-draped coffin containing the body of General de Lattre de Tassigny, French High Commissioner and Commander-in-Chief, Indo-China, lying in state under the Dome of the Invalides in Paris. The remains were later buried at the General's village home in the Vendee. — Express Service.

A LIBERAL'S PANACEA

London, Jan. 21.

Senor Salvador de Madariaga, exiled Spanish chairman of the Liberal International, said here today that Europe should unite into "a new Atlantic bloc" to resist the attack of the Russian bear.

He was addressing 150 delegates to a European Movement conference here.

After receiving the biggest cheer of the day, the Spanish historian-philosopher said that Russian force should be met with force.

"No peace can exist in the world while half of Europe is under the boot," he said. "If that declaration does not come out of your deliberations, all your agricultural and economic policies will be just paper."

Exiles from Bulgaria, Hungary and Rumania and speakers from Belgium and France agreed that there could be no united Europe until the Eastern countries were set free.—Reuter.

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Doubts Over Austria

London, Jan. 21.

The three Western Foreign Ministers' deputies negotiating an Austrian State Treaty, today pressed the Soviet deputy to say whether he would agree to a new meeting this week to continue the discussions on the Treaty.

In a note sent to the Soviet Embassy here, the Western deputies replied to a Russian request for a delay pending the receipt of fresh instructions from Moscow. Western diplomatic circles here were pessimistic tonight about the prospects of an early resumption of the talks.

The extraneous matters raised by the Russians, such as Trieste and denazification, were indicative of the Soviet reluctance to agree to the substance of the unagreed articles in the draft treaty, they said.

Western officials said that another meeting of the Western deputies would be held to discuss the Soviet reply when it came.—Reuter.

Senate Committee's Hearings On Japanese Treaty Open In Washington

WARNING BY DULLES

Washington, Jan. 21.

Mr John Foster Dulles, architect of the Japanese Peace Treaty, told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee today that if Japan became Communist there would be a major shift in the balance of power.

Mr Dulles quoted Stalin as saying that, with Japan, Russia would be invincible.

The Committee is hearing views on the Japanese Peace Treaty and the defence pacts with Australia, New Zealand, the Philippines and Japan.

Mr Dulles told a questioner that a healthy Japanese economy without major dependence on China was possible if Japan had access to markets and raw material sources in South-East Asia.

Mr Dulles said, "The community of nations needs Japan." He added that Japanese capabilities could be exploited to give long-range overseas striking power to the vast human and natural resources which Soviet Communism already controlled on the Asian mainland.

He said, "Stalin, whose views are not negligible, has said that with Japan the Soviet Union would be invincible. The Soviet leaders do not disguise the fact that they seek, above all, to exploit the industrial capabilities of Japan and Germany.

"If they came in control of both these countries, or perhaps either, the stage would be set for a climactic struggle of doubtful outcome."

Japan would stand by the community of free nations and would not treat with Red Asia, he continued.

MENACE UNDERSTOOD

Mr Dulles, who led the negotiations which resulted in 48 nations and Japan signing the peace treaty at San Francisco last September, added, "The Japanese see the Soviet and Chinese Communist menace for what it is and can be trusted to resist that menace to the limit of their ability."

He said: "This ability is considerable because of their long experience with Russian and Oriental ways."

To allay the fears of some Senators that a sovereign Japan might establish diplomatic relations with Communist China instead of the Nationalist Government of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, Mr Dulles cited the recently disclosed letter received from the Japanese Prime Minister, Mr Shigeru Yoshida.

Mr Dulles pointed out that Mr Yoshida declared his Government's desire to establish relations with the Nationalist Government of China. "The Japanese Government in this matter shows insight and courage which must command our respect and admiration," Mr Dulles said.

CZARIST ROLE

Declaring that the Soviet Communists had enthusiastically taken over the role of Czarist Russia as the historic enemy of Japan, Mr Dulles said: "The Japanese now are wholly disarmed and need collective security as is envisaged by the United Nations Charter. Without that their sovereignty would evaporate in a matter of hours and new hopes and worthy ambitions which now inspire the Japanese people would be ruthlessly extinguished."

"In a long view of 30 or 40 years or more," Mr Dulles said, "we must assume that the abnormal conditions which cut Japan off from trade with nearby markets will not continue permanently."

It was wrong to assume that the conditions in China were there to stay. "There is bound to be increasing resentment and hatred of the Communist regime in China and I believe the regime eventually will disappear. Therefore, I believe that Japan will have access to the China market in the long run."

The Secretary of State, Mr Dean Acheson, told the Committee that the pacts would give courage and hope to millions of people in the Pacific area.

General Omar Bradley, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee, in answer to questions about the Soviet occupation of the Kuriles and South Sakhalin island groups off Japan, said that their bases would be of great advantage to Russia in interfering with lines of communication to Japan and other Pacific areas.

General Bradley, said that the military was in full accord with the views of the State Department.

The Joint Chiefs were concerned about the Russian hold on the Kurile Islands and South Sakhalin, once held by Japan, as well as the Hobomai Islands near the northern tip of the Japanese home island of Hokkaido.

But, General Bradley said, the Joint Chiefs feel that the treaties will contribute very materially to the maintenance of peace in the Pacific.

TIMING QUESTION

A military mission leaves for Japan this week to work out the details of a supplemental agreement with Japan.

General Bradley said that the treaty should not go into effect until the agreement is worked out.

He conceded that the position of the Soviet in the Kuriles gave Russia a great advantage but denied that it would enable her to dominate the Pacific.

The only reservation on the treaty held by the Defence Department was in the question of timing. He hoped that the treaty would not go into force until an administrative agreement currently being worked out could be completed and go into effect at the same time.

Gen. Bradley thought there might be considerable difficulties if the treaty was to go into effect before the agreement were signed.

EFFECT ON KOREA

Democratic Senator Walter George, acting chairman of the hearing, asked Gen. Bradley if the treaty would interfere in any way with practical military operations in Korea, if a cease-fire should not be reached.

General Bradley said that there might be such interference unless the administrative agreement went into effect at the same time. It was the expectation of the State Department that the agreement would be concluded before the treaty goes into force.

It was understood that a team headed by the Under-Secretary of State, Mr Dean Rusk, would leave for Tokyo on Wednesday to discuss proposals for the agreement with Japan.

The opening of treaty hearings was accompanied by a full fanfare of lights, loudspeakers and cameras, but only seven members of the Foreign Relations Committee were present.

Chairman Tom Connolly was not there and the ranking Democratic member, Senator George, presided. Three witnesses posed for still photographs before the hearings began in the great marble caucus room of the Senate building. Newsreel and television cameras recorded the hearings. — Reuter, United Press and France-Presse.

Stalin At Moscow Gathering

Moscow, Jan. 21.

Solemn ceremonies commemorating the 28th anniversary of the death of Lenin opened at the Grand Theatre here tonight under the Chairmanship of the President of the Praesidium of the Supreme Soviet of the USSR, Nicholas Chvernik.

The highest authorities of the Soviet State and the Communist Party attended the ceremony.

Among those present were Stalin, Molotov, Malenkov and other members of the Politburo and numerous high Soviet personalities.

The Director of the Marx-Engels Institute, Peter Pospelov, addressing the gathering, said, in a reference to Asia, that nothing could stop the national liberation of all peoples and that the Americans were conceiving war as a "business."

He added: "Those who sow the wind will reap the whirlwind."

M. Pospelov then said: Thanks to its gigantic reconstruction programme the USSR is rapidly marching towards Communism and nothing can stop this victorious march."

At the end of the ceremony, Stalin was applauded for many minutes by the crowd.

For the past two days large numbers of people arriving from every part of the Soviet Union have marched past the Lenin Mausoleum.—France-Presse.

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Jap Seamen Snubbed

Melbourne, Jan. 21.

Two shire Councils today refused to allow Japanese seamen from the Orient Maru—first Japanese ship to berth in an Australian port since the war—to practise baseball at local grounds.

One Council did not explain its refusal and the other merely said it had men busy working on the ground.

The ship's agents took 81 crew members in a bus and finally ended at a recently burned-off ground outside Keilor, whose only amenity is a small iron shelter without a water tap.—United Press.

Jap Prison Break

Tokyo, Jan. 21.

Three prisoners, including one sentenced to death, escaped last night from the city prison of Tsuruoka, Yamagata Prefecture, —Reuter.

Three Dead In Clash In Tunisia

Tunis, Jan. 21.

Three Tunisians were killed and 20 wounded, some seriously, tonight in a new Nationalist demonstration at Nabeul, a coastal town southeast of here.

The clash between the demonstrators and police occurred just at nightfall outside the headquarters of the local Tunisian Governor.

When the police moved in to break up the gathering, some of the demonstrators climbed to nearby roofs and began throwing grenades. It was these grenades that caused the casualties, French authorities said.

Meanwhile, in Paris, the Pakistan delegation to the United Nations denied reports that it had decided to bring the Tunisian dispute to the Security Council shortly.

An authoritative spokesman said that the matter was under the consideration of the Pakistan Government.

NO DECISION

Pressure was being brought on Pakistan from various sides but no clear-cut decision had yet been taken.

The spokesman added that Pakistan was also waiting to see what would be the outcome of the request made by Arab delegations to the President of the General Assembly to use his good offices with the French Government.

Ben Youssef, Tunisian Minister of Justice, said that he had decided against asking the Indian Prime Minister, Pandit Nehru, to support the Tunisian autonomy demands.—Associated Press and Reuter.

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To Consult Chancellor

New Delhi, Jan. 21.

Mr Chintaman Deshmukh, India's Finance Minister, will leave for London on February 2 for consultations with the British Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Richard Butler.

Mr Deshmukh, who was preoccupied with his election campaign as a Congress Party candidate for a seat in the House of the People—Lower Chamber of the new Indian Parliament—was unable to attend the Commonwealth Finance Ministers' conference in London which has now ended.

He has since been elected.

He is expected to be away from India for about a week.—Reuter.

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TRIBUTE TO CARLSEN

Washington, Jan. 21.

The Senate today unanimously adopted a resolution acclaiming "the heroic action of Captain Henrik Kurt Carlsen" for refusing to abandon his ship, the Flying Enterprise, until the last moment.

The resolution said that Carlsen "has exemplified the finest traditions and highest leadership expected of those who man our ships."

Captain Carlsen will testify in New York tomorrow, when a Board of Inquiry resumes hearings into the sinking of the Flying Enterprise.—Reuter.

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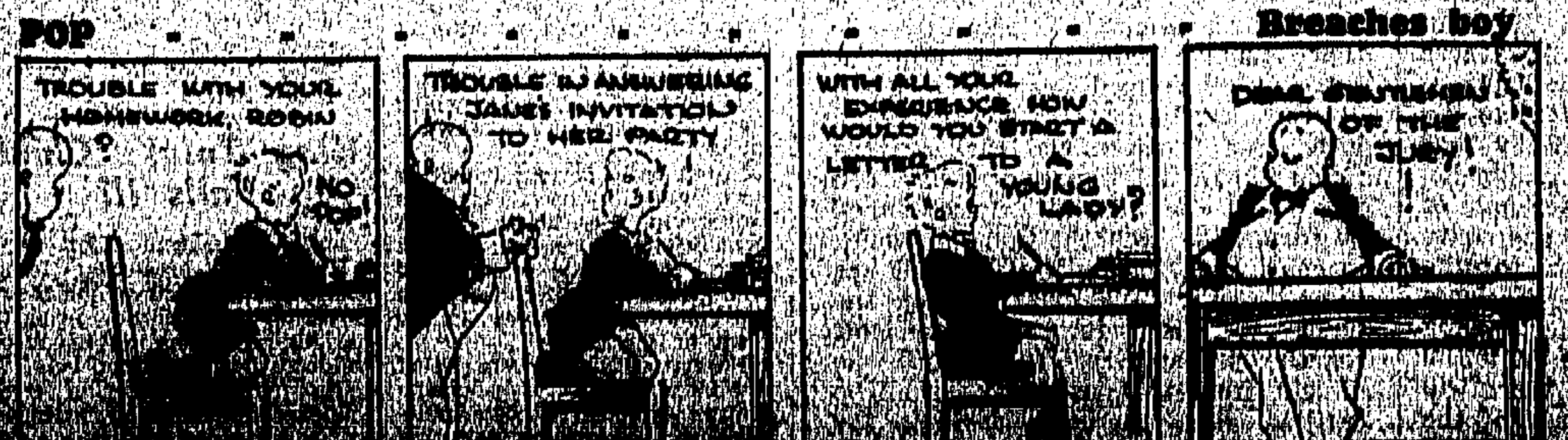
TRAWLER SAFE

Singapore, Jan. 21.

The former Japanese fishing trawler, Shing Shun No. 3, reported missing on Saturday, arrived here safely tonight.

The trawler's radio had broken down and this prevented the vessel from communicating with Singapore.—France-Presse.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Refutation Of Cairo Allegations

BRITAIN'S NOTE TO EGYPT

London, Jan. 21.

The British Ambassador to Egypt, Sir Ralph Stevenson, today handed a note to the Egyptian Foreign Ministry refuting the Egyptian account of the incidents which took place on Dec. 3 and 4 in the Suez Canal Zone.

An appendix accompanying the note said that post-mortems indicated that the bodies of a British soldier and eight Mauritians were mutilated after death and that a Major had been "brutally murdered."

The note emphasised that the "ill - disciplined" Egyptian Auxiliary Police Force played a prominent part in the incidents and did so in the belief that such conduct would be welcomed and endorsed by the Egyptian Government.

The British troops, the note said, behaved with great restraint. They did not attack a funeral procession, as alleged by the Egyptians, but confined themselves to self-defence and did not use dum-dum bullets as alleged by the Egyptians.

The note protested against the Egyptian Government's failure to remove from the Canal Zone the detachments of Auxiliary Police whose behaviour led to the incidents.

The attitude of the Egyptian Government towards civilians bearing arms was also mentioned by the note, which recalled the Egyptian Government's declared intentions to introduce a law facilitating it.

The note reaffirmed the desire of the British military authorities to co-operate with the Egyptian authorities in the maintenance of law and order and urged the Egyptian Government to control effectively both the lawless elements among the population and its own armed forces.—France-Presse.

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Resignation Of Envoy

Washington, Jan. 21.

The White House announced tonight that the American Ambassador in Madrid, Mr Stanton Griffis, had resigned. In asking President Truman to relieve him of his post, the 65-year-old Ambassador said he wanted to return to private life after 10 years in Government service, the announcement said.

Before occupying the Madrid post as the first United States Ambassador to Spain since the resumption of full diplomatic relations between the two countries, Mr Griffis was United States Ambassador in Poland, Egypt and Argentine.

The White House said that the date when the resignation—which President Truman accepted with reluctance—became effective would be announced later.—France-Presse.

EMPIRE LEADERS IN LONDON

The meeting of Commonwealth Finance Ministers has just ended in London. Presided over by Mr R. A. Butler, British Chancellor of the Exchequer, the conference discussed the Sterling Area financial crisis. Here the Ministers are shown posing for the cameras at the Treasury.—Express Service.

BOAC Planning Extensions

Johannesburg, Jan. 21.

Sir Miles Thomas, Chairman of the British Overseas Airways Corporation, said here today that during the next four or five years, BOAC plans a worldwide development of air services with British planes.

One service would circle the globe in the Northern Hemisphere and another in the Southern Hemisphere.

The Comet jet airliner would provide an express service and the Bristol Britannia a fast tourist service.

Sir Miles arrived here recently for discussions with the Transport Minister, Mr S. Bauer. — Reuter.

Brigadier To Quit Post

Capetown, Jan. 21.

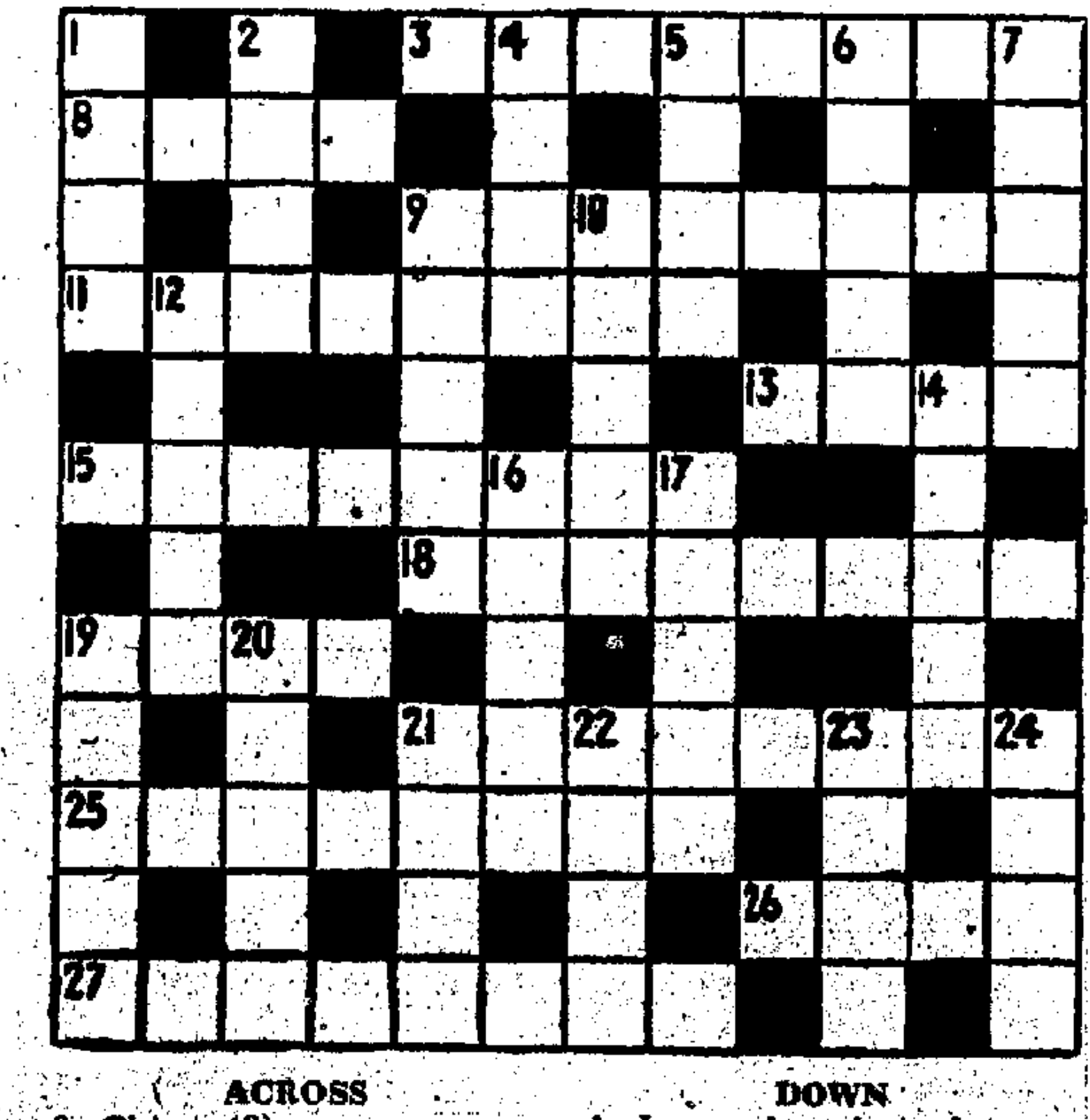
Brigadier John Durrant, former head of the South African Air Force, announced today that he would soon resign from the South African Defence Force.

"I do not ever want to work under a Government again," he told a reporter on his farm near Pretoria.

During the war, at the age of 32, he took command of a group in the Air Command, South-East Asia.

In 1946 he became Director-General of the South African Air Force. He was succeeded by Brigadier Willmott.—Reuter.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

3 Objects (8).
8 Eager (4).
9 Lessen (8).
11 Caused to function (8).
13 Rope fibre (4).
15 Seemed (8).
18 Flower (8).
19 Tribe (4).
21 Went backwards (8).
25 Muddled (8).
26 Conceit (4).
27 Averring (8).

DOWN

1 Lower few feet of room-wall (4).
2 Small boy (4).
4 Origin (4).
5 Fastened (4).
6 Condition (5).
7 Precipitous (5).
9 Feminine title (5).
10 Submit (5).
12 Scholar (5).
14 Confusion (5).
16 Contests of speed (5).
17 Took the plunge (5).
19 Beverage (5).
20 Cancel (5).
21 Peeled (4).
22 Lode (4).
23 Cast off (4).
24 Overcast (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 1 Carpet, 4 Scent, [illegible] Entrance, 8 [illegible] [illegible] Down: 1 [illegible]

Russians Put Difficulties In Way Of Applications To The U.N.

Paris, Jan. 21.

Russia today called on the United Nations to consider "en bloc" 14 applications for membership but its delegate, M. Jacob Malik, insisted in the Political Committee at the same time that new members should not be admitted without the approval of the Security Council, where the veto applies.

Sixteen countries are awaiting a decision, but M. Malik did not mention two of them—Vietnam and South Korea—when he moved a resolution calling for a simultaneous decision on the others.

He criticised a Peruvian move to end the deadlock over the applications by a new General Assembly ruling for their consideration on individual merits.

The admission of members was a political question to be decided primarily by the Security Council, he said.

M. Malik claimed that every line of the Peruvian resolution contravened the Charter. Adoption of this resolution would only cause new opportunities for arbitrariness without reference to rules of procedure or to the Charter.

M. Malik said that the Anglo-American majority in the United Nations in general and the Peruvian delegation in particular had acted for political — not juridical — motives in seeking admission for such States as Portugal, Finland, Italy and Jordan and trying to bar such applicants as Outer Mongolia, Albania, Bulgaria, Rumania and Hungary.

Rumania was in the same position as Italy during the war, he said, and asked what was the difference now?

"FAULT OF WEST"

"If the West are guided by political motives, why should your object if we are also guided by political principles? What evidence have you that Portugal is more peace-loving than Bulgaria, or that Italy is more peace-loving than Rumania or Hungary?", he asked.

The Soviet Union had never objected, nor did it object at present, to the admission of Italy on an equal footing with other States, M Malik said. Her non-admission to date was the fault entirely of Britain, the United States and France which had hitherto taken up a wholly inadmissible position, he alleged. M. Malik called on the United Nations to give "en bloc" consideration to 14 applications. He did not mention those of Vietnam or South Korea in his resolution.

M. Malik considered that Libya's application should be adjudicated with those of the other applicants though Libya had applied only last month and Albania and Outer Mongolia had applied six years ago.

Dr Ernesto Dihigo (Cuba) supported the Peruvian resolution. Applications for membership should be considered as a procedural matter to which the veto did not apply, he submitted.

Dr Dihigo said that the veto was legally limited to decisions which might lead to "coercive events" but decisions on membership could not lead to such events.

AN ESSENTIAL

M. J. Niscot (Belgium) suggested that Peru's recommendations be forwarded to individual members of the Security Council rather than to the body as a whole. Belgium believed that the participation of Italy was essential to the work of the United Nations, he added.

Fawzi Bey (Egypt) reiterated that applications should be considered on their own merits.

It would not be realistic to insist on perfection on the part of the applicants, he said. He was generally in favour of admitting all present candidates.

Fawzi Bey made a special plea for the unanimous approval of Libya's application, a new State largely brought into being through the efforts of the United Nations.

He preferred not to deal with the Peruvian resolution until he had studied the Soviet resolution.

A proposal by Turkey that tonight's scheduled meeting be cancelled, as the Committee was not as far behind in its work as other committees, was adopted.

The Committee was then adjourned until tomorrow.—Reuter.

Associated Press adds that M. Malik's statement apparently ruled out any chance of Libyan or Italian membership in the near future. Many delegates had hoped Russia would refrain from vetoing Libya because that North African kingdom is the first nation set up by the United Nations.

URGENT WISH

Paris, Jan. 21.

The most urgent wish of the newly formed Kingdom of Libya was to join the United Nations, a Libyan Government delegate told the United Nations Economic Committee here today.

The delegate, Mr A. N. Aneizi, was heard by the Committee during the discussion of war damage in Libya.

Stressing that this was Libya's first appearance before the world body, Mr Aneizi urged that the destruction caused in his country during the desert fighting should be properly assessed and assistance given by the United Nations for repairing it.

Many Libyan towns had been almost completely destroyed, he said.

Spokesmen for Britain, France, India, Pakistan and Egypt and other Middle Eastern countries welcomed the Libyan delegate and expressed the hope that Libya would soon be admitted to the United Nations.—Reuter.

Reds' Tactics At The Truce Talks

New York, Jan. 21.

The chief United States armistice negotiator in Korea, Vice-Admiral C. Turner Joy, declared in an interview published in this week's issue of United States News and World Report that the Communists did not want a stable and equitable armistice.

He added, however, that there was no doubt that the Communists desired an armistice of which they would dictate the terms. This kind of armistice could be concluded rapidly, Vice-Admiral Turner Joy continued.

The interview took the form of questions and answers. Asked whether there existed means to obtain a definite decision, the Admiral replied, "There are only two possible decisions—a military decision or a negotiatory decision. After six months of tediously frustrating negotiations, I am sure that there must be a large number of people who would heartily endorse blasting the Communists off the Korean peninsula."

Vice-Admiral Joy added, "In the absence of a change in the military situation, we shall continue to do our best in trying to negotiate an effective and stable armistice. I know of no other solution."

Asked which side had been making the most concessions during the negotiations, Admiral Joy replied, "The Communists have a marked talent for making wild demands and for giving the impression that a concession has been made when they recede slightly from what was completely preposterous to begin with."

The next question was, "What in your opinion is needed to get action?"

TWO WAYS

Admiral Turner Joy replied, "If by action you mean a stable armistice agreement, I would say one of two things—either a sudden voluntary change of heart on the part of the Communists or the application of sufficient military power to induce such a change of heart."

The Admiral declined to make any forecast as to the possible duration of the war in Korea. In reply to another question, he said, "it is clear to everyone, I believe, that the USSR is the policy maker for this particular Communist venture. The North Korean Generals are vociferous, but it is doubtful if their vote counts."

Admiral Turner Joy concluded the interview by stating that the Communists' refusal to give proof of their good faith was the greatest obstacle to the conclusion of a truce and that the language problem was the smallest obstacle met during the Panmunjom negotiations. — France-Presse.

U.S. PLANES ATTACK RAILWAYS

Seoul, Jan. 22.

United States and Red jet pilots traded shots for the seventh straight day in MIG Alley yesterday as light snow fell along the Korean battlefront.

The flyers exchanged firing passes in a five-minute dogfight, lightest in a week. After the battle, the American Sabre jets claimed no damage on 32 Soviet-built MIGs engaged between Pyongyang and Sariwon.

United Nations fighter bombers had to dive through holes in thick clouds to attack Communist rail lines and facilities.

The Fifth Air Force said last night that its planes cut rails in 71 places and demolished or damaged two railcars, a road bridge and a rail span in 373 sorties flown by nightfall.

Snow fluttered down on the bleak battlefront where Allied infantry pushed at Chinese positions and repulsed small enemy probes.

Grenade-tossing Red troops pushed back a United Nations raiding patrol that assaulted an enemy-held hill on the Western front.

The Allied attackers hit the hill northwest of Yongchon at 2.00 a.m. on Monday. Chinese defenders lit up the darkness with the flashes of small arms, automatic weapons and mortar fire.

The Allies pulled back slightly, then directed United Nations artillery down on the enemy. After the shelling, the raiders again assaulted the hill.

The Chinese still stood their ground, pouring a heavy barrage of rifle and machine-gun fire and hand grenades at the attackers [illegible] [illegible]

Colombian Tribute To War Dead

Pusan, Jan. 21.

The crews and officers of the Colombian frigate, A.R.C. Almirante Padilla, today paid tribute to their dead comrades of the Colombian Battalion at the United Nations military cemetery north of Pusan.

The frigate, commanded by Captain Reyes Canal, has been in Korean waters nine months and is to return to Colombia shortly.

Major Alfonso Navea, Executive Officer of the Colombian Battalion, and four soldiers represented the Colombian ground force at a ceremony conducted by the frigate's chaplain, Lieutenant Ernesto Hernandez.

Captain Canal laid a wreath under the yellow, blue and red Colombian flag pole while a United States Army band played the Colombian National Anthem.

Captain Canal said that the ship was leaving shortly but nine out of 12 officers and 105 crew members out of 160 had volunteered to serve another tour of duty in Korea.

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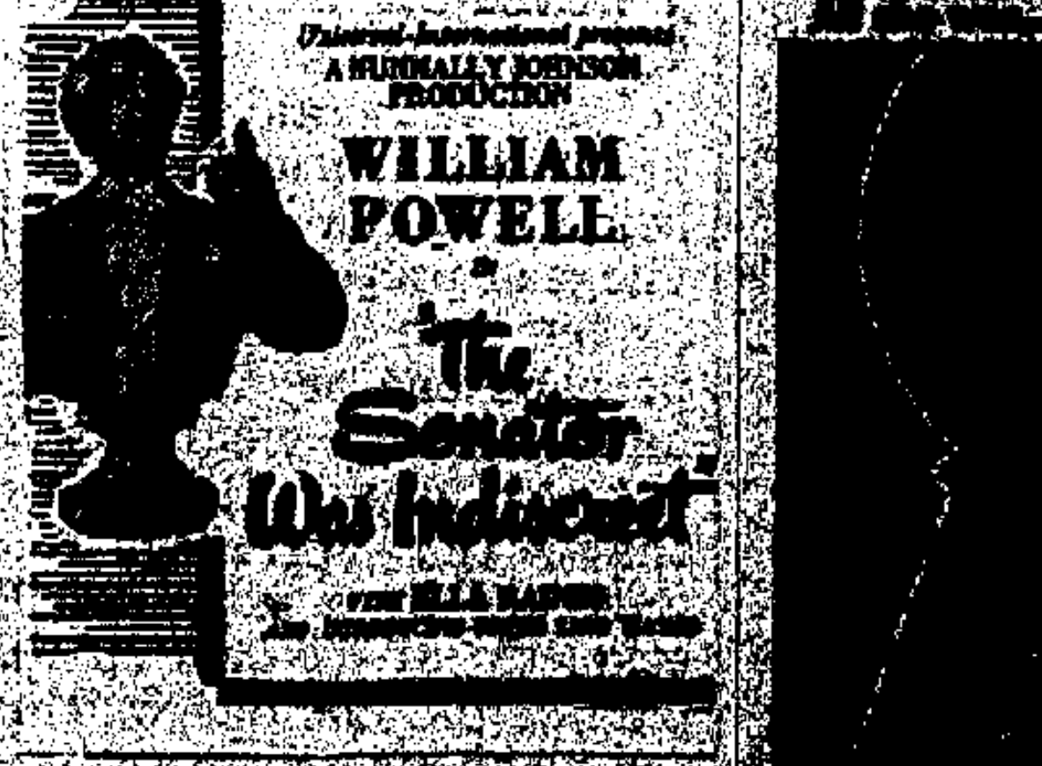
Delhi Embassies Accused

Allahabad, Jan. 21.

Mr Jawaharlal Nehru's daughter, Mrs Indira Gandhi, today charged that certain Embassies were carrying on anti-Congress propaganda.

Addressing an election meeting for her father, the Prime Minister, she said that the Indian Government had lodged protests with the respective governments but she declined to name the countries concerned.—United Press.



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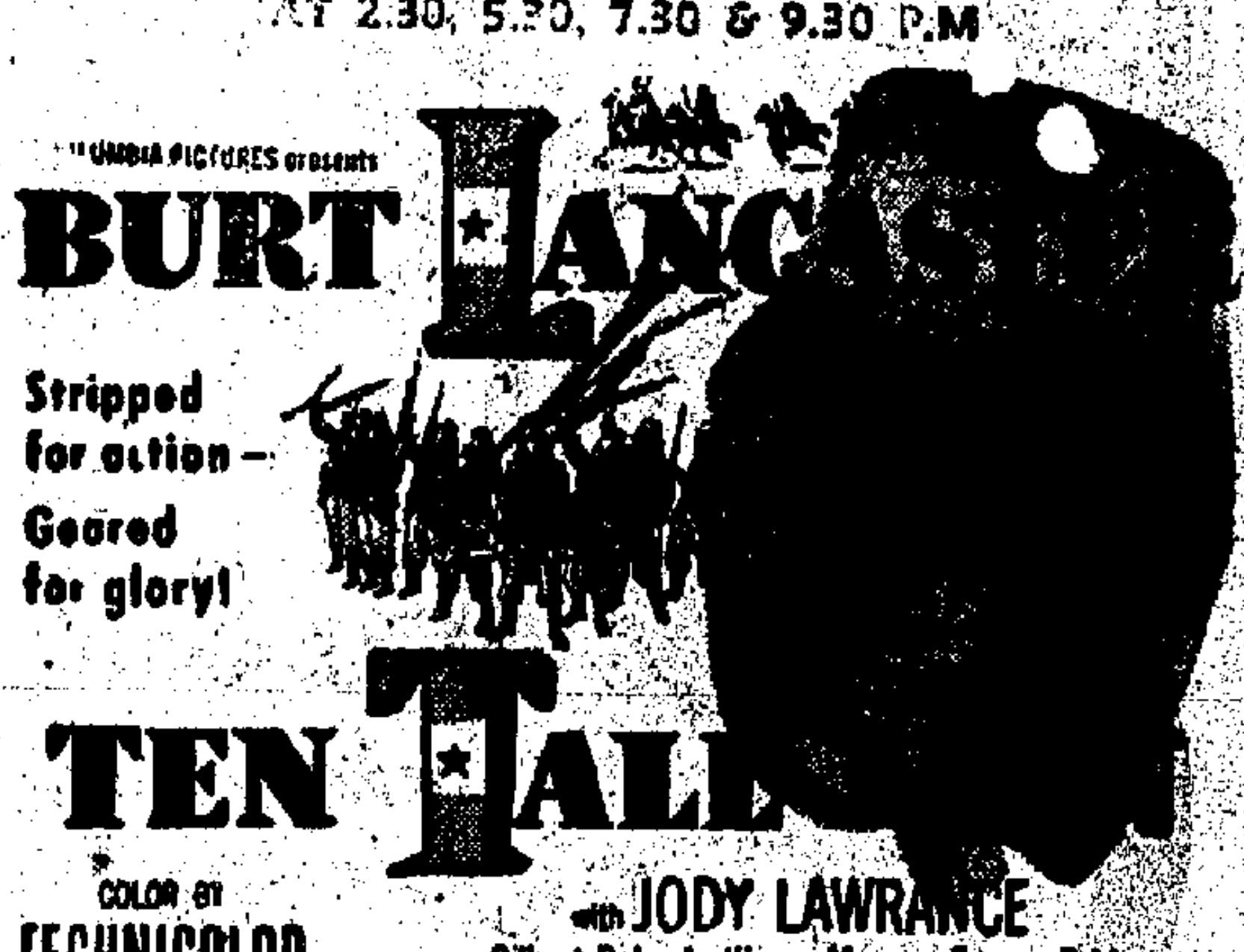

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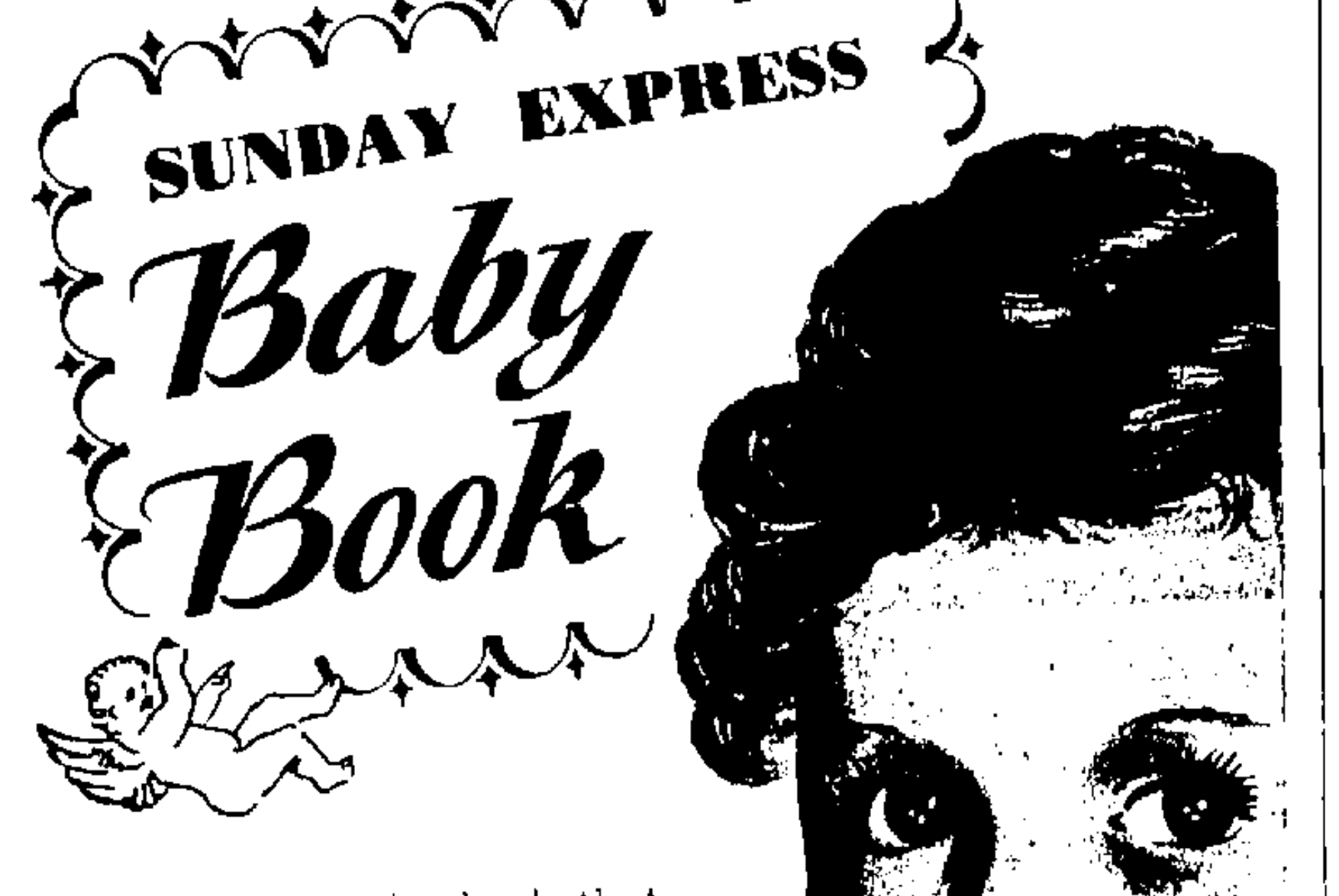
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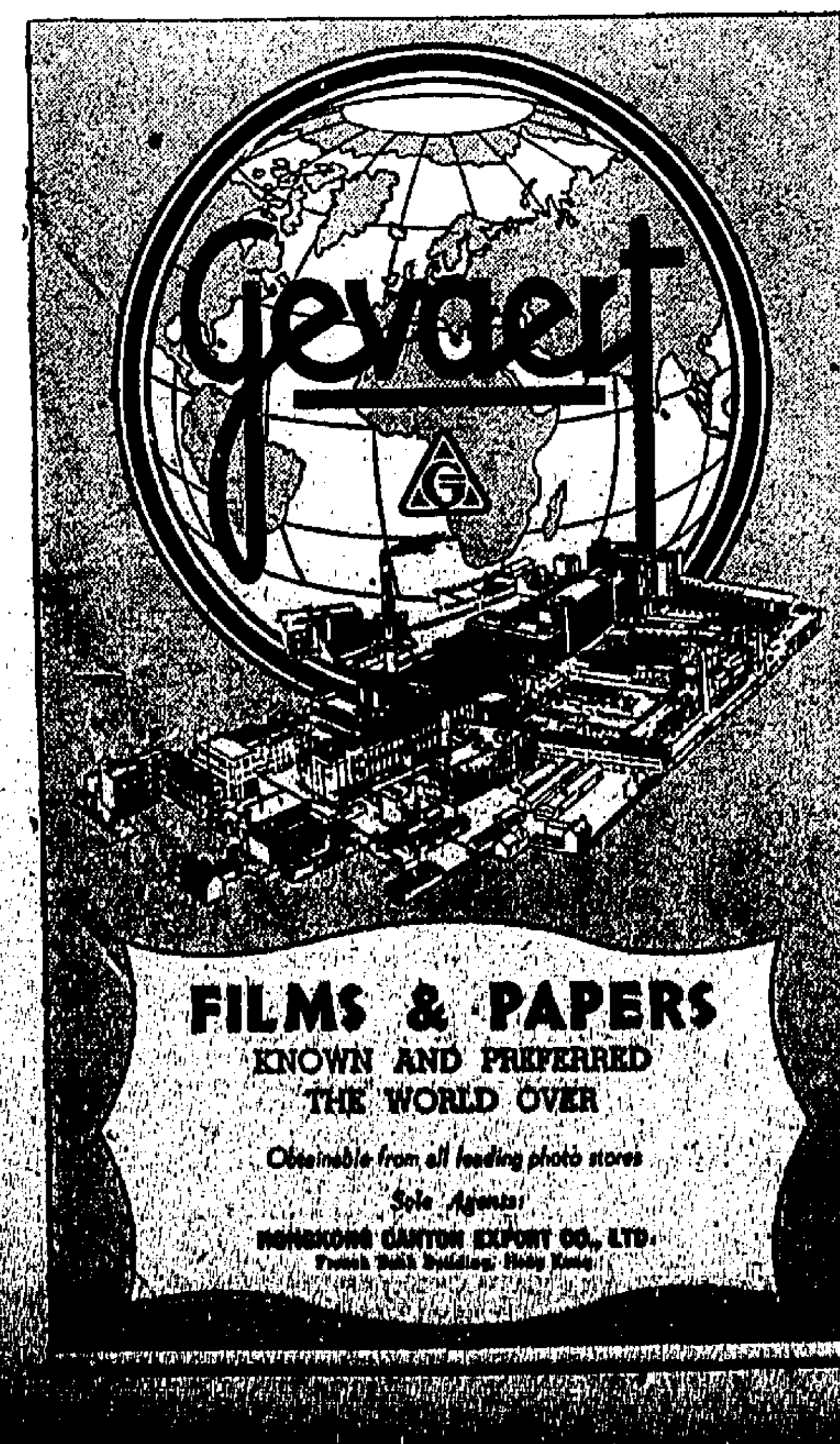
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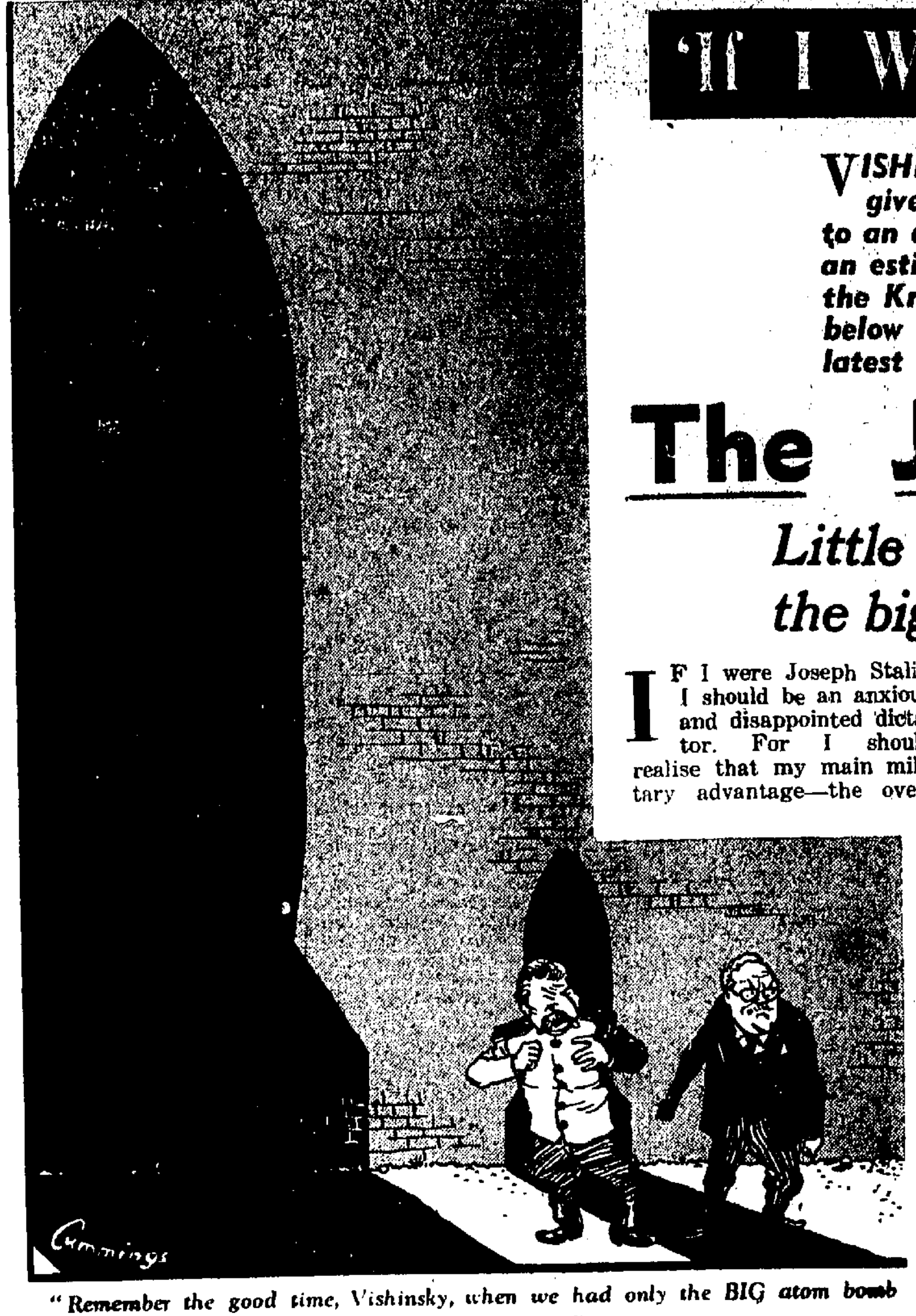
'If I Were Sitting in Stalin's Seat'

VISHINSKY'S RECENT STATEMENT that Russia may now give way on atom-bomb control gives added meaning to an assessment from the most up-to-date evidence. It is an estimate of how the world must look today at the men in the Kremlin — in terms of arms and of politics. Part One below presents the military picture pieced together from the latest available information in Washington and London

The Junior Atom Bomb

Little publicised so far, but I regard it as the biggest new factor in today's strategy

by CHAPMAN PINCHER


"*Remember the good time, Vishinsky, when we had only the BIG atom bomb to worry about . . .*"

London Express Service

IF I were Joseph Stalin I should be an anxious and disappointed dictator. For I should realise that my main military advantage—the overwhelming strength of the Red Army—has been suddenly and seriously weakened by one unexpected Allied achievement.

This achievement is the production of miniature atom bombs which can be used for concentrated attacks on massed troops in battle.

For the first time these weapons give the Allies a fighting chance of holding the Red Army east of the Rhine and of finally defeating it *in the field.*

Until now Stalin has never rated the atomic bomb as a war-winning weapon.

He admitted that it was a powerful *strategic* weapon which could be delivered by long-range bombers to flatten a few Soviet towns. But it could not be used *tactically* to stop the advance of the Red Army. So it could not be decisive in World War III, he argued.

A huge, uncontrollable explosion like the blast that razed Hiroshima is useless on the battlefield. And Stalin believed that the Americans would not dare to use such an indiscriminately destructive weapon in Western Europe.

Russia's entire post-war political strategy has been based on the conviction that the Allies had no effective deterrent to the Red Army.

In a shell . . .

FOR technical reasons it seemed that the power of the bomb could never be reduced. But American scientists have now found out how to do it.

"Baby" atom bombs, packing punches ranging from the power of 500 tons of T.N.T. to 5,000 tons—one-quarter the power of the Hiroshima bomb—have been fired successfully in Nevada, and U.S. defence chiefs believe they have at last evolved a weapon which can counter "steam-roller" attacks.

The "baby" bomb works on such a simple principle that it can be delivered in a shell or rocket fired from short range to produce an explosion limited to a military objective.

Of course, the Russians will eventually be able to make tactical atom bombs and may already have designed them. But it is doubtful whether they could pile up enough for battle field use within the next seven years.

According to Intelligence reports Russia's output of atomic explosive is severely limited by lack of rich uranium ore. **This is a second Defence Difficulty for Stalin.**

Only the Americans, who have access to the rich uranium supplies of Canada, Africa, and Colorado, should be able to mass-produce tactical atom bombs in the foreseeable future.

The realisation of this harsh fact by Stalin is the likeliest explanation for Mr Vyshinsky's sudden willingness to co-operate with the Allies in controlling atomic weapons.

Even when the Russians get some "baby" bombs in their arsenals the Allies should retain an enormous lead in fire-power for many years. For the Americans have already built up a huge stock-pile of atomic explosive and are rapidly expanding it.

As long as the atom bomb remained a strategic weapon for use against cities, Stalin could take comfort in the belief that 500 bombs would be almost as good as 5,000 because they could achieve all the destruction required. But that argument does not apply to battlefield weapons.

Change

EMERGENCE of the "baby" bomb means that the tactics and training of the Red Army must be radically revised. Stalin will surely have to abandon the principle that the Red Army has so many men that it can afford to accept all the casualties the Allies could inflict and keep on advancing.

There is only one sensible military step he can take to counter the new atom threat—to give the Red Army much greater speed of movement.

This is Defence Difficulty No. 3 for the Generalissimo.

It is virtually impossible to mechanise a peace-time force of 4,000,000 men.

Russia has not yet developed the industrial capacity to spare enough vehicles for this immense job. The Red Army is still essentially a foot-slogging force, and, therefore, terribly handicapped in mobile warfare.

This is the main reason why it suffered such serious casualties when attacked by the German Panzers. In one pincer movement south of Kiev the Germans cut off and captured 600,000 Red Army soldiers.

Not-so-wise?

SO long as the Germans could keep the fighting mobile the Red Army suffered repeated defeats, in spite of great superiority in numbers.

Stalin has tried hard to remedy this weakness. But if the lorry factories and technical skill were available, he has not enough steel to mechanise an army stretching from Poland to the Pacific.

The Allies are suffering from a serious steel shortage. Yet their combined output is more than *four times* greater than Russia's.

Steel is Stalin's fourth Defence Difficulty.

He knows that Russia cannot produce enough steel to fight a *long* war with the West. And with the appearance of the tactical atom bomb his hopes of winning World War III quickly have faded.

Stalin must now be wondering whether the enormous amount of steel he has used since the war to make 60-ton tanks has been wisely invested.

The U.S. tests showed that heavy tanks should be easily countered by atomic attack. They are too slow to take avoiding action and their thick armour does not protect the crew from penetrating atom rays.

By mass-producing conventional weapons too quickly after the last war, Stalin may have made the strategic blunder of doing too much too soon. **This is his fifth Defence Difficulty.**

Big numbers seem to fascinate Stalin—thousands of planes, tanks, and guns. But defence research is now moving so quickly that numbers can give a dangerously false sense of security.

The Allies have waited until they could see how the weapons thrown up by the last war would turn out before rearming.

Their present weakness in defence is not remotely comparable with their position in 1939. Stalin has tremendous superiority in numbers of men and existing weapons, as Hitler had.

Out of date

BUT the Allies have never let up in defence research since the war's end. There is no doubt that they have a clear lead over the Russians in the development of new weapons which could soon be put into production.

It was perhaps a risky policy to concentrate on experiments while Stalin rearmed, but it seems to be paying off.

The Russians have more than 360 submarines. Now Stalin is faced with the fact that within five years they may be out of date.

The Allies have recently developed some highly effective devices for detecting submarines at long range. And the "baby" atom bomb can be fitted into a super depth charge which could open up the seams of any submarines in a wide area.

The U.S. atom-powered submarine which is designed to travel for months without refuelling is likely to prove as telling in global combat as the atom shell.

With so much against me I should abandon the hope of dominating the world by strong-arm methods in my life-time if I were Joseph Stalin.

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> **TOMORROW**
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> ***Politically, too, Stalin surveys a new kind of landscape . . . .***
>
> **by Sefton Delmer**

THE KNIGHTS OF MALTA FACE A SERIOUS CRISIS

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By A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

ROME.

THE Council of the Knights of Malta, clad in black silk ceremonial robes, have just met in a gloomy Roman palace to face one of their most serious crises since the order was founded in 1090. Their most cherished possession — their status of sovereign power, which allows them to appoint ambassadors, issue passports and run a fleet of aeroplanes — is being threatened by the Vatican.

The Order started as an organisation to house pilgrims visiting the Holy Land — only ten years later they found themselves mixed up in the Crusades, and became a fighting order which conquered part of Palestine.

In 1390 they were chased out of Palestine, but soon made up the loss by conquering the islands of Rhodes and Cyprus and building a large fleet of their own. They lost Rhodes and Cyprus to the Moslems in 1522, came to Italy and allied themselves with the Venetians.

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They obtained the island of Malta at a premium, and from the island they derive their present name.

Napoleon chased them out of Malta and the Knights settled in Rome under the shadow of the Vatican, and formed a peculiar State with a government, their own laws, a certain number of citizens — but no territory.

Today the Knights have 4,156 subjects scattered all over the world. They have their own legations to the Holy See, Spain, Argentine, San Marino, Panama, Haiti, Germany and Austria, and maintain normal diplomatic relations with France, Italy, Belgium, Holland, Portugal and Ireland.

Their passports are considered valid by several other countries too. They are not, however, recognised as a sovereign state by Great Britain.

When Princess Elizabeth visited Italy last year the Grand Master of the Knights, Prince Ludovici Chigi, refused to attend a reception because his quality as Head of a sovereign State had not been recognised by the Protocol.

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The scope of the Order is now only charitable. The members are either aristocrats of very old Catholic families or rich people who contribute a lot of money to the Order. They run hospitals, hostels and distribute relief over the whole world, using a fleet of 200 transport planes.

Members of the Order are of three types: Knights of Grace, Knights of Honour and Knights of Justice. The Knights of Justice are the highest ranking. There are only 81 of them and they are, for all practical purposes, members of a religious order, having taken the vows of chastity, purity and obedience. It is the 81 Knights of Justice who constitute the Council of the Order.

The existence of this chosen elite among the Knights might prove the downfall of the whole Order.

Last year, during the World Congress of Catholic Religious Orders held in Rome, it was decided, in tightening up discipline, that all Orders would fall under the jurisdiction of the Vatican Congregation for Religious Orders. The Knights of Justice are also members of a religious order, so they too should come under the rule of the Congregation and therefore would lose their sovereign status, it was stated.

The Knights refused to bow to the Congregation, and a few days ago, to settle the dispute, the Pope appointed a Commitee of five Cardinals.

Should the Cardinals decide that the Knights must obey the Congregation, their sovereignty will be ended.

But there is more than that involved in the issue. The Knights of Malta, in order to raise money for their hospitals and charitable enterprises, have recently embarked on business and financial transactions which were made possible only by their status of a sovereign State.

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The Pope does not approve that an Order so closely linked to the Vatican should be even vaguely suspected of black marketeering or irregular currency transfers.

The present crisis finds the Knights without a leader. Their Grand Master, Prince Chigi, died last November aged 82, and the new Grand Master should have been elected at the beginning of February. The Pope, however, ordered them to wait until the five Cardinals have decided the fate of the Order.

YOUNG MEN AND LEAP YEAR

BY J. W. TAYLOR.

CAREFUL fellows! It's Leap Year.

Since it is said to confer upon each unmarried member of the fair sex the privilege of proposing marriage to the man of her choice, perhaps one or two hints on how to cope would not be out of place. Remember, that the privilege is governed by a very special etiquette of its own on the part of the fair one waiting for what may seem to be a golden opportunity.

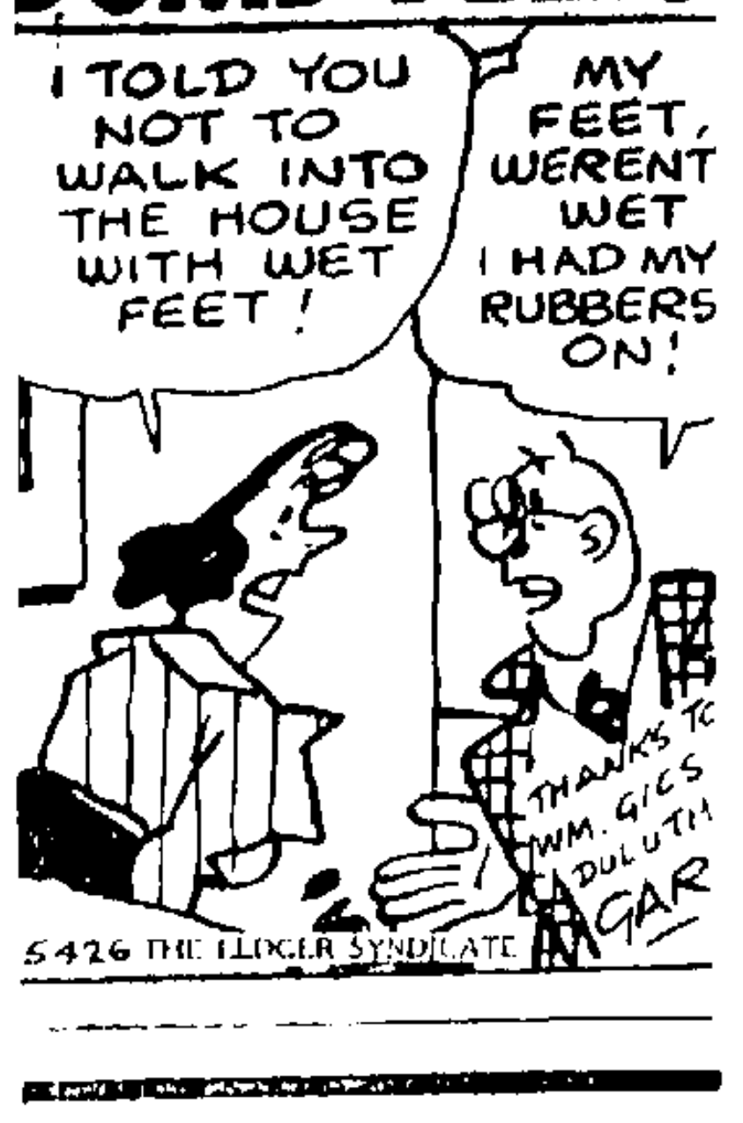
First and foremost, custom decrees that the girl who wishes to propose must wear a scarlet petticoat. According to an ancient authority this must be displayed when exercising the Leap Year prerogative. Another version of this petticoat rule is that if the lady be too shy to put her proposals into words, she may convey her meaning to the man merely by lifting her skirt a little to reveal a glimpse of the scarlet petticoat.

Another worth-while tip is that quite a different rule for proposals has financial consequences for the man concerned. It stipulates that in the event of his declining the proposal, he must present the woman with a solatium in the form of a silk dress. Some believe that this originated in the Irish legend which relates how Saint Patrick, when he first conferred upon woman the right to propose marriage in Leap Year, was himself proposed to by Bridget and paid a forfeit to his proposer with a gift of a silken gown.

There were times in England when privileges and penalties in connection with Leap Year proposals prevailed. A book called "Courtship, Love and Matrimony," issued in 1606, recorded that it had become part of the common law for women to make Leap Year proposals of marriage, and declared that "no man will be entitled to the benefit of clergy who doth treat her proposal with slight or contumely."

In the thirteenth century, when Queen Margaret of Scotland gave statutory authority to Scottish women to "bespeak the men they liked" in Leap Year, Her Majesty also decreed that in the event of a man refusing, he should, unless he could prove that he was already engaged to marry another woman, pay a fine of one hundred pounds Scot (equivalent to £8 6. 8. in those days). There are Scottish writers of centuries ago who declare that quite a considerable sum of money went to swell the State coffers from [illegible]

DUMB-BELLS


I TOLD YOU NOT TO WALK INTO THE HOUSE WITH WET FEET!
MY FEET, WERENT WET I HAD MY RUBBERS ON!
THANKS TO WM. GIES DULUTH
GAR
5426 THE LEDGER SYNDICATE

• BY • THE • WAY •

by Beachcomber

A TRIAL push by Evans the Hearse yesterday on Llangyrkyn Mountain once more showed his uncanny skill at rounding difficult corners on the mountain paths, on one nostril, keeping the pea close, and pushing rather than propelling it. Reg Bodger, who is not so familiar with this course, missed the pea at Dwch Corner, and his left nostril came in contact with a bit of rock. The slight nasal abrasion which resulted was treated by Dr Cosham of Fwthalpwll.

Social security

THE B.B.C. ban on the name of Charles Kingsley for political reasons shows how serious this matter is. It is said that a comedian who introduced a grocer named Palmerston was heavily censored, and the name was changed to Balmerston to avoid "influencing the voter." The word "liberal" is barred, as suggesting a political party, and ballet must not be mentioned, as it is too much like ballot.

'New light on Dickens'

THE denigration of Dickens has for some years been a favourite sport. A few writers have found him too vulgar for an age of exquisite refinement, and too sentimental about human beings for a generation which reserves its sentimentality for animals. It has even been pointed out that his private life was not above reproach—a state of affairs which is acutely painful in this era of rigid Christian morality. But I have just been reading a review of a book which evidently explains all this. Dickens suffered from manic-depressive insanity, and was a psychotic. Hence those regrettable novels, which the unenlightened continue to enjoy.

• JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Startling Play Brought in A Slam

NORTH (D) 2
♠ 8 6 2
♥ A K 2
♦ A 5
♣ A 10 9 5 2

WEST
♠ 9 7 3
♥ 10 9 5
♦ K 10 9 6 3
♣ 8 3

EAST
♠ None
♥ Q J 8 7 4
♦ Q J 8 4 2
♣ K Q 7

SOUTH
♠ A K Q J 10 5 4
♥ 6 3
♦ 7
♣ J 6 4

Both sides vul

North	East	South	West
1 ♣	1 ♥	4 ♠	Pass
6 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead—♥ 10

By OSWALD JACOBY

THERE'S probably no such thing as a new play in bridge, but once in a great while we see something that looks startlingly original. My good friend Johnny Crawford cooked up the new idea that brought home a slam in the hand shown today.

West opened the ten of hearts, and the hand looked easy for a moment. Crawford planned to win the heart with dummy's king, draw trumps in two rounds (he hoped), cash the ace of hearts, ruff a heart, cash the ace of diamonds and ruff a diamond.

He could then take a club finesse to East in such a position that any return by East would sacrifice a trick. (A club return would give declarer a free finesse, and a diamond or heart return would allow dummy to ruff while South discarded a club.)

This plan came to nothing when East failed to follow on the first round of trumps. It was now impossible to draw trumps and still leave a trump in dummy.

Crawford thought this over for a minute or so and decided that he could make the slam if he could manage the play so that North, East, and South hands came down to three clubs each. He could then lose a club finesse to East and be assured of a club return up to dummy's ace-ten.

To bring this situation about, Crawford led out five rounds of trumps, discarding two low clubs from the dummy. East actually discarded five diamonds on the five trumps.

Crawford thereupon took the ace of diamonds and ruffed a diamond. East had to discard two hearts since a club discard at any time would be obviously fatal.

Now Crawford could take the ace of hearts and ruff a heart, and East was left with exactly three clubs. As planned, Johnny led the jack of clubs and let it ride, whereupon East could take one club trick but no more.

Curiously enough, East could not save himself. If he had discarded one diamond and four hearts on the five trumps, Crawford would next take the ace of hearts and ruff a heart while dummy still had the ace of diamonds. This would force East to discard two more diamonds, whereupon Crawford could take the ace of diamonds and ruff a diamond. East would be reduced to his three clubs, exactly as desired.

♥♣CARD Sense♠♦

Q—With North-South vulnerable, the bidding has been:

West	North	East	South
1 Heart	1 Spade	Pass	?

You, South, hold: Spades Q-7-4, Hearts 3-2, Diamonds 8-7-5, Clubs A-K-10-9-4. What do you do?

A—Bid two spades! Your partner must have a sound spade suit for his overcall, and you have good support for a sound suit. There is no need, therefore, to look further for a trump suit. The only question is how high you want to get. You can afford a single raise, indicating that there is a chance for game if North has maximum values for his overcall.

TODAY'S QUESTION

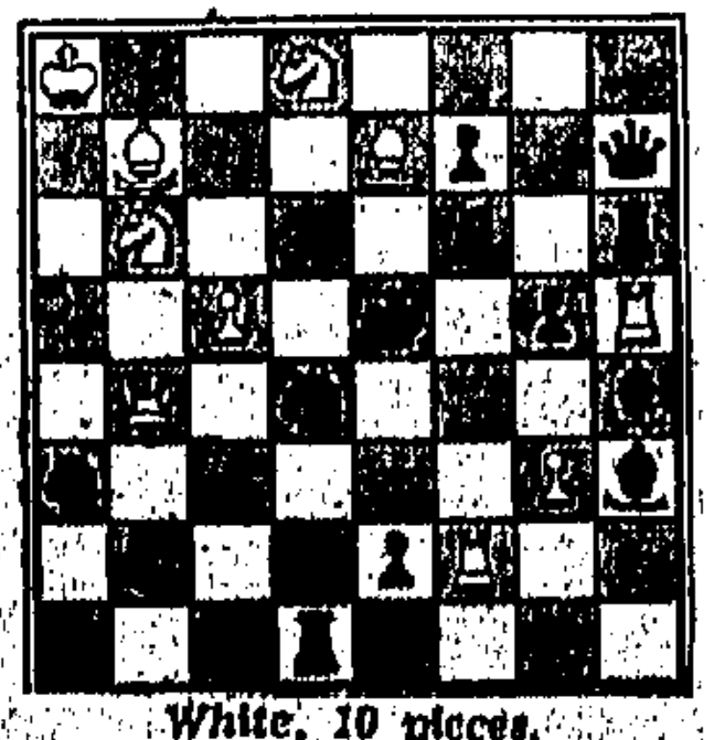
The bidding is the same as in the previous question. You, South, hold: Spades 3-2, Hearts 8-7-5, Diamonds Q-7-4, Clubs A-K-10-9-4. What do you do?

Answer Tomorrow

CHESS PROBLEM

By F. BECK

Black, 11 pieces.



White, 10 pieces.

White to play: mate in two.

Solution to yesterday's problem:

1. Q—K7, any; 2. Q, R, Kt, or P (dis ch) mates.

YOUR BIRTHDAY .... By STELLA

TUESDAY, JANUARY 22

BORN today, you are an optimist. Highly emotional and imaginative, you usually take a romantic view of life and are an incurable dreamer. You will promise the moon and a star or two knowing deep inside that you are not going to be able to deliver it.

But this attitude does get you a great deal. For your optimism is catching. You have a very good business sense, but you disguise it so thoroughly that very few know you are shrewd in driving a bargain. They learn quickly enough, however, once they attempt to put something over on you. Bluffers should beware, for you can outbluff anyone if need be.

Very attractive to members of the opposite sex, you will have a number of romances in your life. Each one—at the moment—seems to be the real thing. You may have more than one try at marriage before you settle down for life.

To find what the stars have in store for tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Diplomacy, rather than force, is the best method for dealing with opposition just now. Avoid arguments.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—Take your family into your confidence and talk over your future plans. They can probably help.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—Relieve tension by listening to some good music. There are times when work should be put aside.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—Broaden your outlook and try out something new. It can increase your zest for living immeasurably.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—Attending the theatre with someone from your office this evening could prove relaxing.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)—If you have relatives you have not seen lately, this might be a good time to write, or visit them.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—Routine is best. Don't be overenthusiastic about anything until you know the facts.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—Clear away uncertainties in your plans by investigating all details very carefully.

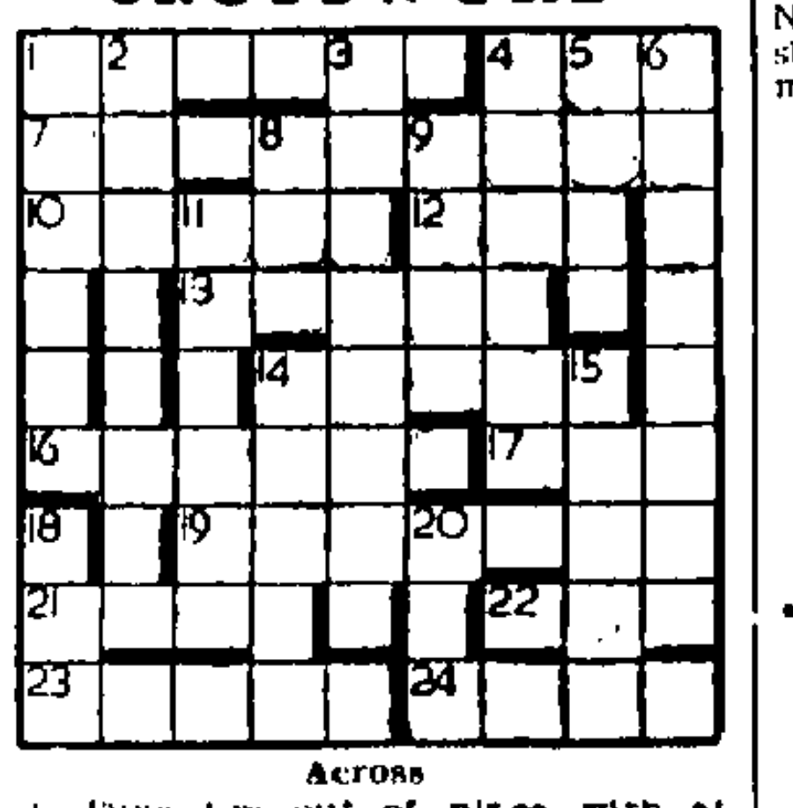
LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—Don't jump to conclusions. If you can avoid making a significant decision until next week, do so.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—Check the details of all information you receive today. Uncover any untruth in statements.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—Aid some community project, especially if it involves assistance to those in the armed services.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—New ideas in the creative arts should prove workable now. Promote them!

CROSSWORD



Across

1 Tune I'm out of place with at the dance. (6)
4 With this in you may see a bull-fight (3) 7. Contact. (9)
10 This month is the interval between new moons. (5)
12 Rest this and make replacement. (3) 13. Make up for a note. (5)
14 Reaps with a peculiar instrument. (5)
16 Through serving others I get in the wet. (6)
17 The New Zealand parrot. (8)
19 Bridge-like structure. (7)
21 Sort of thing you may find in a shipyard (4) 22. Colour. (3)
23 To do 24 Across a drill must (5)
24 See 23 Across (4)

Down

1 Mow around the old measure. (6)
2 It provides a tin dune. (8)
3. Who gave rope to Euan ? (8)
4 A white one is cowardly. (6)
5 You will not get much juice until this is on (4)
6 Claim unduly (8)
8 Food from the coat-hanger. (8)
9 Not even single. (4)
11 Probably an oyster. (6)
14 Made from broken tiles. (5)
15 Again happens to be a curer. (8)
18 Supplement (3)
20 Spot of sorts (3)

Solution of yesterday's puzzle. Across: 2. Coalpit: 7 Oyster bed: 11. Scholars: 12 Eliminate. 13. Pope: 14. Dip: 16. Pyre 17. Due 18 Psalm. 20. Air: 21. Trawl net. 22 Sad 23 Danger. Down: 1 [illegible], 2. Cyclops, 3. Atom, 4. Prandial 5 Test, 6 Adherent; 8. Shipyard; 9. Elite, 10 Braiding 15 Puree, 19. Lad

Check Your Knowledge

1. What parts of the body make up the respiratory system?

2. Who is the Chinese Nationalist Foreign Minister in Formosa?

3. Name the composer of "Tannhauser."

4. What is an odometer?

5. What was the Aegis?

6. As far as is known, where were the first roads constructed?

(Answers on Page 10)

INTELLIGENCE TEST

DUST WIG

By T. O. HARE

"Proud the prude, and
prim the prig:
"Priggery isn't all!
"So, odd challenger, dust
wig:
"Try another fall."

THESE lines are part of an invocation to the White Knight. One of them is an anagram of the name of the White Knight's creator.

Can you say which line?

(Solution on Page 10)

• BARBS

By HAL COCHRAN

WISDOM is common sense—but not near common enough.

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Most comedians think they could play tragic roles, says a producer. And a lot of tragedian's performances are comedy.

★ ★ WOMANSENSE ★ ★

Coat Silhouettes And Surface Appeal

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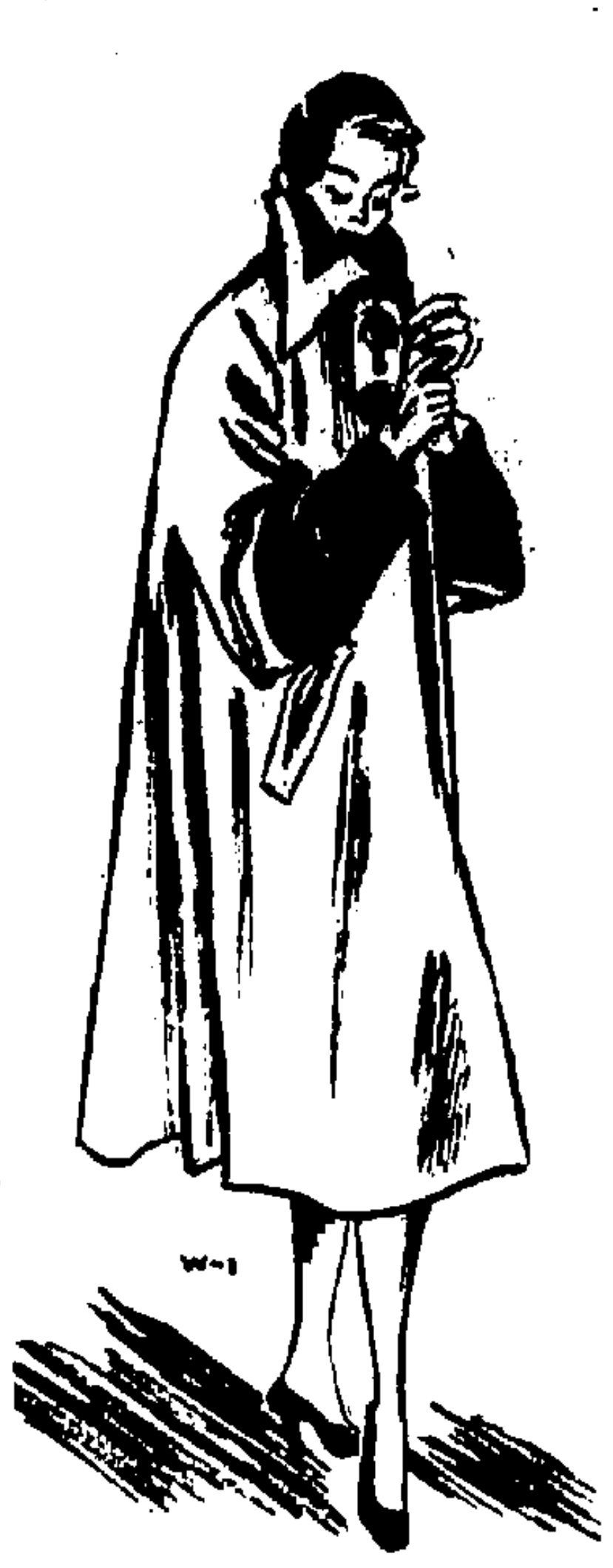
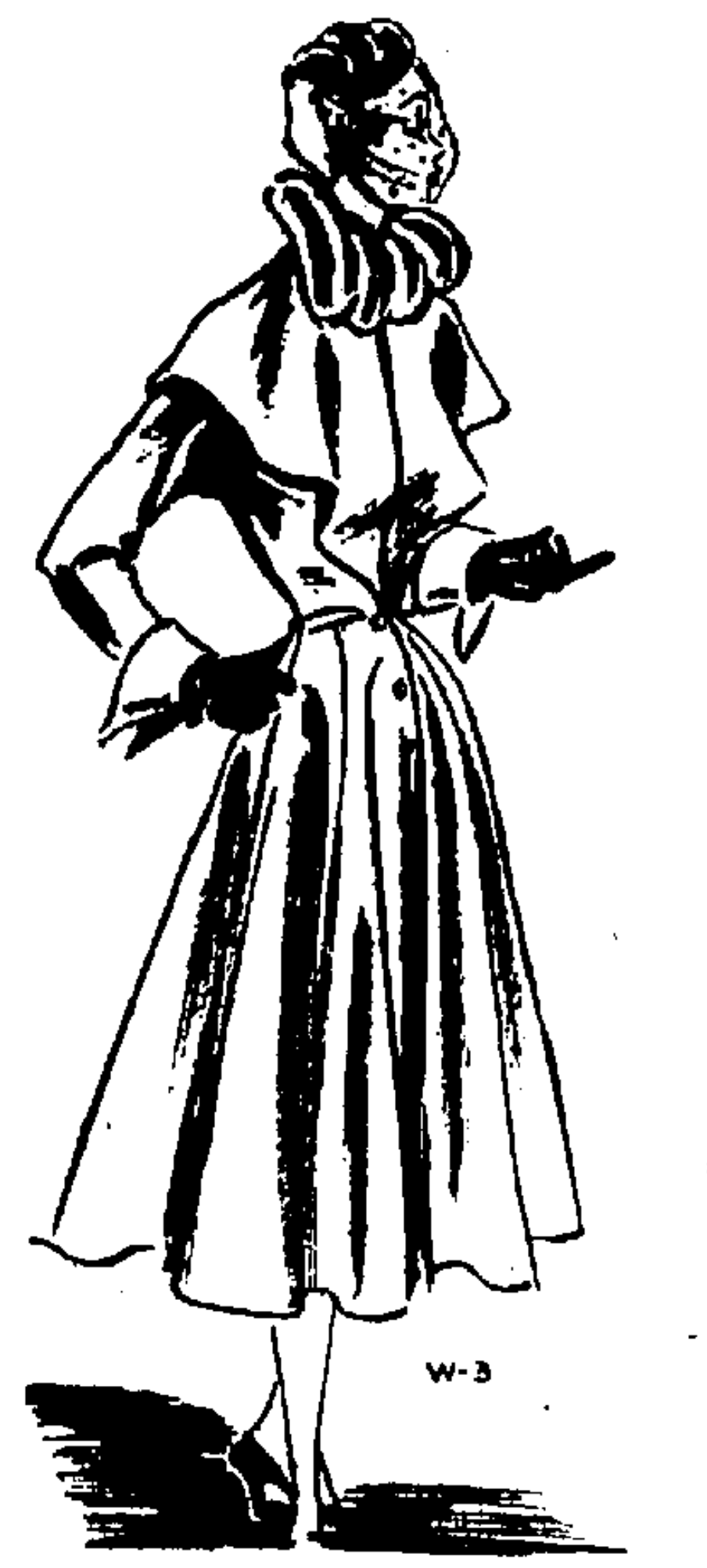


Gray wool fleece coat.

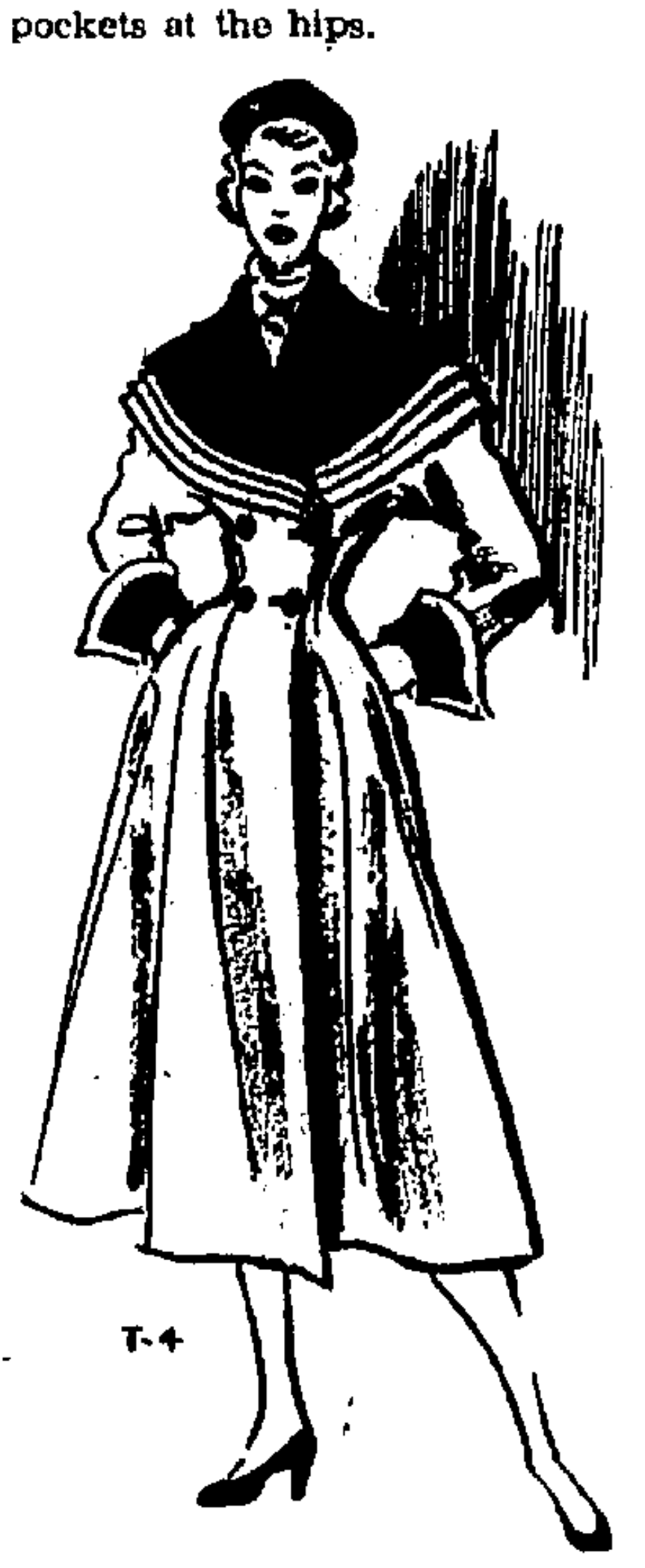
FABRICS with surface interest continue to dominate the fashion field, especially for coats and hats. Dark gray wool fleece is the material used for this coat (above) with a black velvet collar and two black velvet buttons. There is much sleeve interest here, smartly achieved by fullness that tapers down to a narrow wrist, with a narrow fold halfway down, and set off by important black velvet cuffs.

NAVY wool broadcloth is made into an elegant town coat (below). Slowly, the fur-trimmed coat is inching its way back into the high fashion picture. The fur is generally discreetly handled, rather than using the huge collars of yesteryear. This one goes in for a proud collar, small and high of lustrous mink. Cut on princess lines, the bodice is figure-hugging and the skirt swings freely because of its many gores. The little cape is attached at the shoulder seams and it ripples to a V in front only.

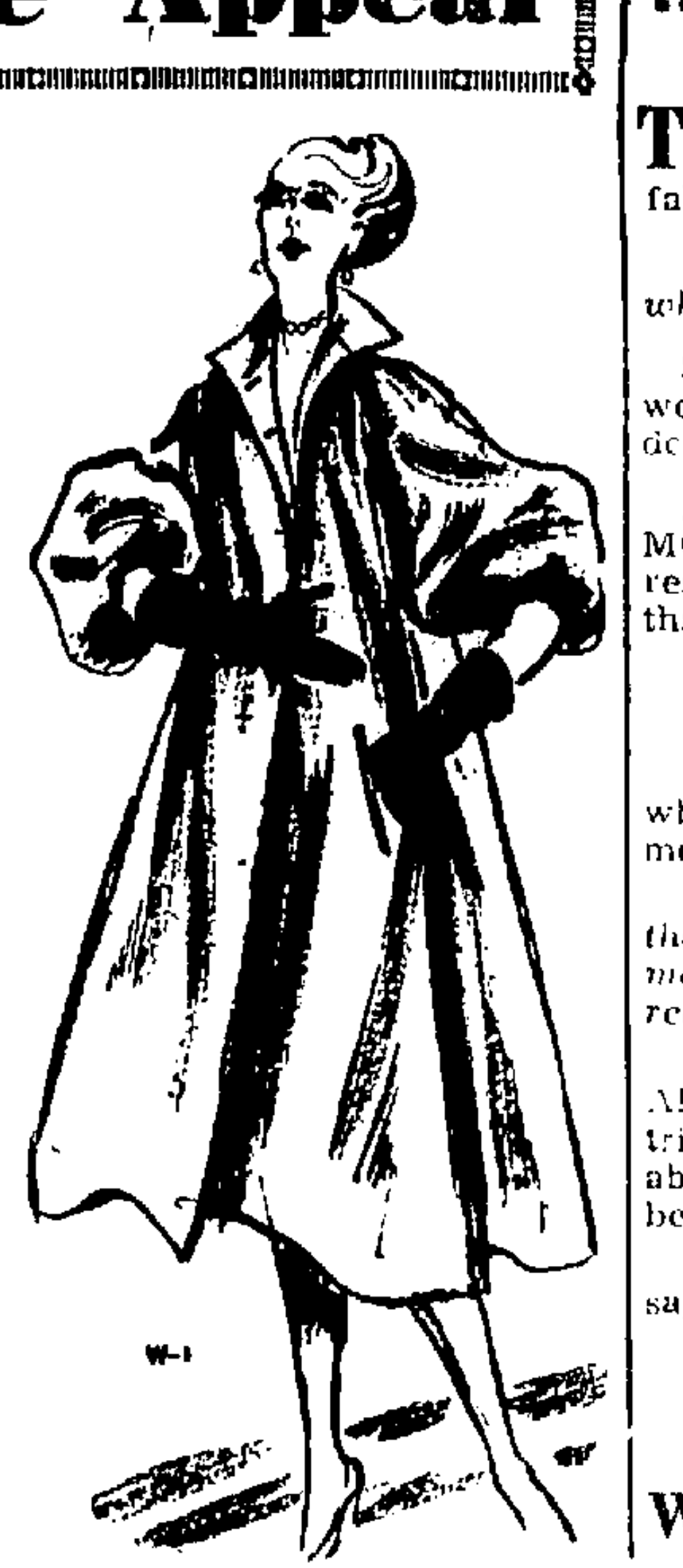
THE crisply-lined princess silhouette certainly does offer a change from the ubiquitous loose swinging or boxy coat that has been around for so long. It is a nice choice for a definite town coat as shown here below. Fashioned also of winter-navy blue broadcloth, it is cut to nip the waist and then swing away to a very full skirt. It is double-breasted below the triple-layered collar, the top layer of which is navy blue velvet like the flared cuffs. There are slit pockets at the hips.



Wool with mink collar.



Navy blue broadcloth topper.



Velveteen evening coat

BRILLIANT turquoise blue velveteen is the fabric employed for a noteworthy and different evening coat (above). It is also a good choice to wear over dressy afternoon clothes. Lined with black taffeta, the topper closes with three crystal buttons placed just below the graceful little collar, and there are push-up lantern sleeves to denote its very new design.

It Is A "Men's Nylon"

THE new plastic product Terylene is going to be a popular fabric for men.

It is going to mean to men what nylons mean to women.

SOCKS made from it will wear longer than nylon and be definitely warmer.

At the same time it DRIES MORE QUICKLY, is crease-resistant, and looks far silkier than nylon.

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Mr David Crouch, of the I.C.I. who played a part in its development says:—

"Terylene is more like wool than nylon. It is perfect for men's suitings because it always retains its shape."

A small supply of SHIRTS AND UNDERWEAR is already trickling into the shops. In about a year men's socks will be in the shops.

Women's stockings? The I.C.I. say: *"No decision."*

'Perms' don't last as long

WOMEN complain that a professional permanent wave does not now last as long as a pre-war perm.

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HAIRDRESSERS reply: "So many women want a soft, natural-looking wave that they ask for only a 'light' perm, which obviously will not last so long."

At the prices they charge for a perm these days I think it should be both natural *and* lasting.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

Jack Scarecrow Gives A Party

—It Was Lots of Fun, But a Little Sad, Too—

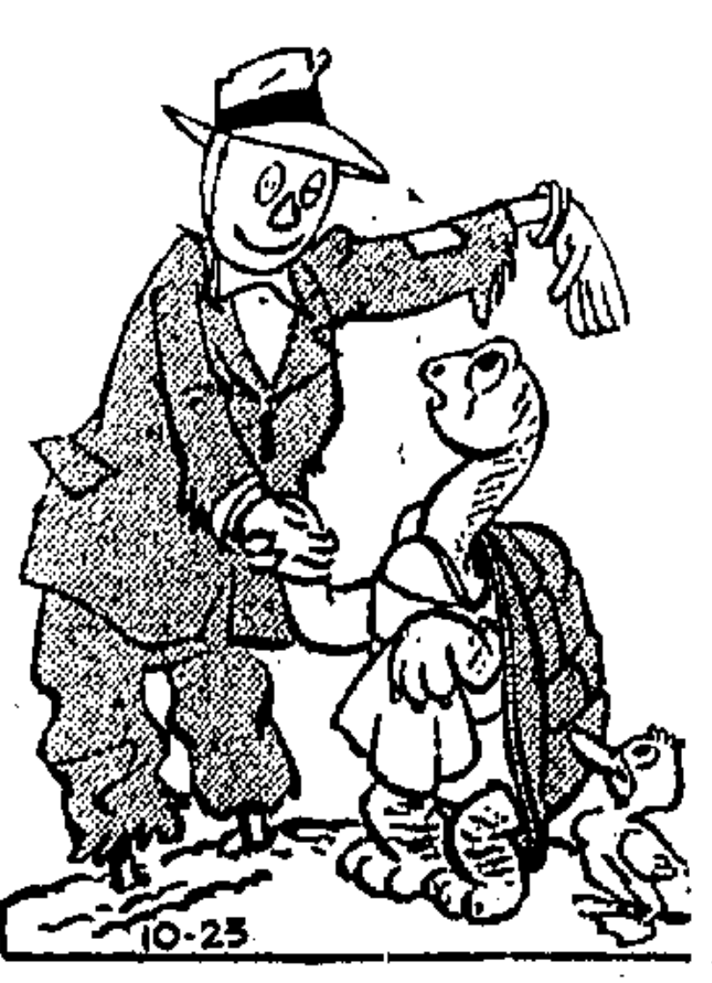
By MAX TRELL

"I WENT to a wonderful party last night," Christopher Cricket said. "It was wonderful, and it was sort of sad too. It was a party for Jack Scarecrow who has been standing all summer in the middle of the corn field."

Knarf and Hanid, the shadow-children with the turned-about names to whom Christopher was speaking, looking puzzled. "If it was a wonderful party," Hanid said, "why was it sad?"

"And why was Jack Scarecrow giving a party anyway?" asked Knarf.

Christopher Cricket stretched himself out comfortably on the edge of the rug in front of the fireplace. "You see," he explained, "summer had ended and autumn was ending and winter was coming on, and Jack Scarecrow knew that the next day the farmer was coming to take him back into the barn. He had made many friends during the pleasant months that he had been standing in the corn field. He wanted, before he left, to say goodbye to all those friends of his and so he decided to give a farewell party.



All of Jack's friends shook his hand and said goodbye.

Invitations by Mice

"The mice agreed to carry the invitations to all of Jack's friends," Christopher Cricket went on. "The invitations were scratched on the large leaves of the button ball tree that grew in the corner of the corn field. Each of the mice—they were field mice—scampered off in different directions with them. Two wood-chucks cleared a space in front of the spot where Jack Scarecrow stood. The spiders and the caterpillars spun a large silken tablecloth which they spread out over the ground. The rabbits and the moles brought fruits and frogs. The bees, the hornets and the wasps all came with honey. The field mice themselves, after delivering the invitations returned with bits of cheese and crumbs of cake. There was enough for everyone."

"And what happened at the party, Christopher?" Knarf asked.

Cricket's Guitar

"It was delightful," said Christopher. "I came with my guitar and so did a dozen of my cousins and uncles and aunts. The whip-poorwills with their flutes came and played with us, and so did the frogs with their big bass drums. It was quite a big orchestra. Then we played 'For Jack's a Jolly Good Fellow' and everyone joined in the chorus.

"Then," continued Christopher, "two butterflies did a dance around one of the last black-eyed Susans that still stood in the field. And a grasshopper did acrobatic tricks, and Old Turtle, who came to the party late, showed how strong he was by walking up and down with six beetles and a snail on his back."

"It must have been a lot of fun," said Hanid.

"It was," said Christopher, "but then it became time for everyone to go home and everyone gathered around Jack Scarecrow to say how much they had enjoyed his being in the corn field and how sorry they would be to see him go. Even the crows, who were Jack's enemies because all spring and summer he had kept them from eating corn, even they came over to say they had no hard feelings against him any more.

Crows and Scarecrows

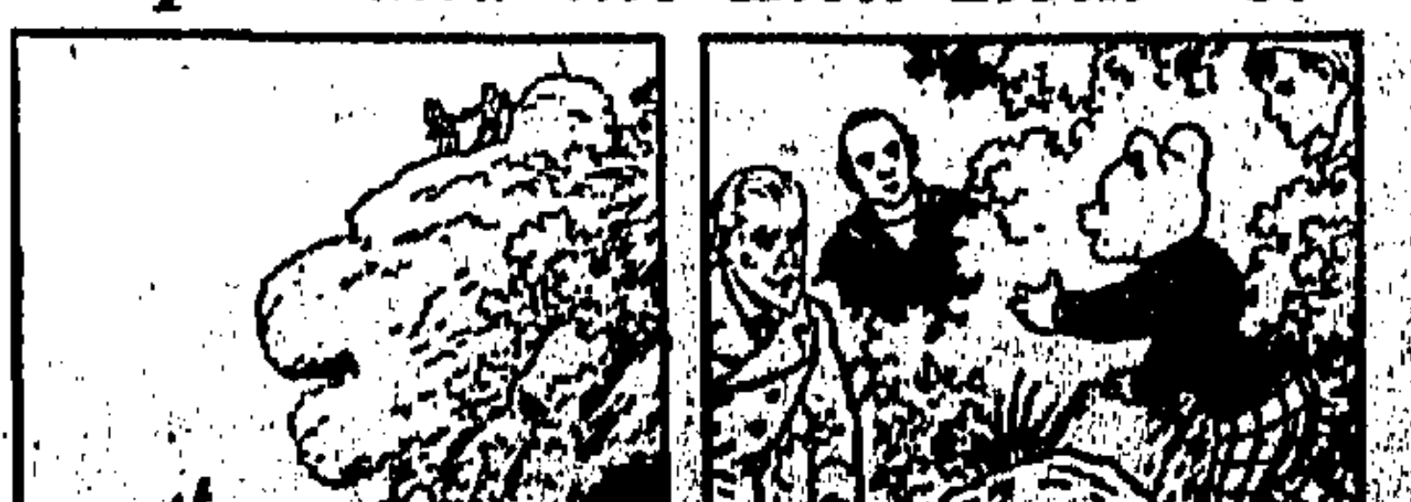
"'We know,' the crows told Jack, 'that you only did your duty. If we had been scarecrows instead of just hungry crows, we would have done the same.' Jack was glad to hear that the crows did not dislike him any more. 'Yes,' he said to them, 'I only did what the farmer asked me to do. I don't hate you at all! I don't hate anybody. I love everybody in the whole world.'

"Finally," said Christopher, "all of Jack's friends shook his hand and said goodbye. And then a very strange thing happened."

"What strange thing?" asked Knarf.

"Each time," said Christopher, "that one of Jack's friends took his hand, a piece of straw from inside Jack's sleeve fell to the ground. For Jack, you know, was stuffed with straw. And by the time the last of his friends had shaken his hand, the last bit of straw inside Jack had dropped out. And this morning, when the farmer came to take Jack back to the barn for the winter, all he took back were the empty clothes where Jack had been. And the little pile of straw went dancing round and round the corn field in the sunshine. It was a wonderful party all right, and a sad one too—but perhaps Jack really didn't leave his friends at all. Maybe he's still in the corn field, still dancing merrily around in the sunshine."

Rupert and the Lion Rock—39



In their haste the two pals take a shorter way down the slope and find it leads right on to the Lion Rock. "There they are, down beside the tree. Hi, wait for us. We're coming," shouts Rupert. They scramble and slide the rest of the descent and are met by two familiar figures. "I've seen that gentleman somewhere," says Rollo. "And, good gracious, the other one is Sailor Sam from Nutwood!" "Hullo, admiral," cries Rupert. "Thank goodness you're here!" But the Admiral looks both angry and bewildered.

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RUPERT and the BLACK MOTH
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HOUSEHOLD HINTS

After oiling the sewing machine, it is a good idea to sew through a blotter so that the blotter may absorb the surplus oil which otherwise might stain the next fabric to be placed under the machine needle.

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Here is a simple way to get added clothesline space: Place two lines about two feet apart. Pin one side of each article to one line, the other side to the second line, so that the pieces hang at right angles to the line. Even if you hang the wash fairly close together, it will dry quickly because of the air space between the two lines.

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When you broil meat, broil it until one side is nicely brown, then turn just once and brown the other side—just one turn if your heating unit is not too hot.

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HONGKONG'S BEST YEAR EVER IN ATHLETICS AHEAD OF US?

By "RECORDER"

The first athletic meeting of the new year at ***Caroline Hill*** *on Sunday produced 25 performances that would have* ***made the ranking*** *list for Southeast Asia last year and this fact, indeed,* ***promises Hongkong*** *the most brilliant year ever in athletics.*

Our performances are still far behind world or European standards, but in their own corner of the map, **Hongkong's athletes are not behind those of the Philippines, Malaya or any other territory near enough to us**

[illegible] promising features of Sunday's meet was the number of new names [illegible] top class and the considerable improvement shown by some athletes [illegible] South China's, who were no better than also-rans last year [illegible]

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NO OLYMPIC DREAMS

[illegible] Far East Athletic [illegible] Olympic dreams [illegible] to wait two [illegible] will [illegible] next [illegible] Empire Games [illegible]

[illegible] dreams [illegible] follows a policy [illegible]

[illegible] Malayan [illegible] Athletic Federation [illegible] MAAF.

RECORDS TO COME

Many of the Colony's leading athletes among them Ng Yuen-fok, Wong Man-wan and Peter McRae did not compete on Sunday but their participation in the meets to come should make competition hotter.

The girls' events on Sunday did not see the participation of Pui To, who have some of the most promising performers in the Colony.

Lo Wing-chuen of La Salle College did not improve on his 2:09.5 effort in the 800 Metres in December and there was [illegible] argument that he should confine himself to 400 Metres.

It is a pity that athletes are [illegible] kept out of their events [illegible] to them. The [illegible] record holder in the Shot Put started as a champion sprinter and Glenn Cunningham, one of the greatest milers ever, [illegible] spent many years running the 100 and 220 Yards.

Ng Yuen-fok and Lo Wing-chuen could both try the 100 Metres Hurdles and may discover that they are nearer world standard in that event than they are in the 400 flat. Stephen Xavier and Wong Man-wan could try the 400 Metres and there are many second-rate sprinters around who could try the Long Jump and find themselves in Championship class.

FEET AND METRES

The next big meet—Kowloon v Hongkong—will be run over yards at Boundary Street and the difference between performances in yards and metres is worth investigating.

The Association of Track and Field Statisticians, a world-wide organisation that tabulates athletic statistics and confirms the authenticity of outstanding performances that are not world or national records, has worked out a system to compare performance over yards and metres.

In the appended list of the best performances in Southeast Asia last year (with comparative performances made in 1952 listed with an asterisk), the Malayan and some of the Hongkong marks were accomplished over yards rather than metres.

The metric equivalent is given in the tables. Included in this new list is the performance of 10.1 seconds by Q. Almao in winning the King George V School Championship over 100 Yards and this is given in the list as 10.9 seconds over 100 Metres.

Almao's 100 yards in 10.1 seconds appears to be an authentic enough performance and the general accepted time lapse for a sprinter between 100 yards and 100 metres is eight-tenths of a second. This places his performance above that of Jackson Lee and on a level with Stephen Xavier's. In the women's 100 yards, the difference is increased to one second as the average speed is about one-fifth slower.

Accepted ATFS substractions are 0.1 second for 220 yards to 200 metres, 0.3 seconds for 440 yards to 400 metres, 0.7 seconds for 880 yards to 800 metres.

Twenty seconds are taken off times over One Mile to give the equivalent performance over 1,500 metres and 30 seconds are added to three-mile times to give the equivalent performance over 5,000 metres.

The best performances in Southeast Asia over the past 12 months follow:

100 METRES

Pedro Subido (Philippines)	10.6
Sidique Merican (Kelantan)	10.8
Q. Almao (Hongkong)	10.9
Tan Eng-yoon (Singapore)	10.9
Stephen Xavier (Hongkong)	*10.9
Jackson Lee (Hongkong)	11.0
Chong Koon-how (Selangor)	11.0
J. Madhaven (Perak)	11.0
Cheung Yat-hung (Hongkong)	*11.0
Dick Honson (Hongkong)	11.1
A. Nunes (Singapore)	11.1
Stephen Xavier (Hongkong)	11.1
Wong Man-wan (Hongkong)	11.2
A.A. Alapini (Hongkong)	11.2
Mok Yuen-kan (Selangor)	11.2
J.A. Stephenson (Borneo)	11.2

200 METRES

Stephen Xavier (Hongkong)	*22.5
Pedro Subido (Philippines)	22.7
Jackson Lee (Hongkong)	22.7
Tan Eng-yoon (Singapore)	22.7
Sgt. Hamzah (Hongkong)	*22.8
Genaro Cabrera (Philippines)	22.9
Sidique Merican (Kelantan)	22.9
Sgt. Martindale (Johore)	22.9
Stephen Xavier (Hongkong)	22.9
Rivai (Indonesia)	23.0
Bobby Roach (Hongkong)	23.0
Shek Ka-lim (Hongkong)	*23.0
A.A. Alapini (Hongkong)	23.1

400 METRES

Cletus Gomez (Perak)	50.7
Bernabe Lovina (Philippines)	51.0
M. Parry (Selangor)	51.0
K. Balakrishnan (Selangor)	51.7
Wenceslao Mendoza (Philippines)	52.1
Haustant (Indochina)	52.1
Ng Yuen-fok (Hongkong)	52.8
J. Timisela (Indonesia)	52.9
T.E. Williams (Hongkong)	*53.3
P.I. Sivapatham (Singapore)	53.4

800 METRES

Planeille (Indochina)	1:57.0
Cecil Clay (Singapore)	2:00.8
H. Andison (Hongkong)	2:01.3
A. Panjaratnam (Singapore)	2:03.0
Tomas Bennet (Philippines)	2:04.1
Krishnakutty Nair (Perak)	2:05.4
K. Raman (Johore)	2:05.5
W. Greenhall (Penang)	2:06.8
M. McCord (Hongkong)	*2:07.0
A. Butterworth (Hongkong)	2:07.8
Balwant Singh (Negri Sembilan)	2:08.0

1,500 METRES

Lo King-kun (Taiwan)	4:21.[illegible]
Lt. [illegible] ([illegible])	[illegible]
Cecil Clay (Singapore)	4 24 4
Balwant Singh (Negri Sembilan)	4 24 6
Peter West (Hongkong)	4 25 8
J. Stevenson (Hongkong)	4 28 0
D. Krishnakutty (Perak)	4 28 1
M. McCord (Hongkong)	*4 31 9
Wenceslao Mendoza (Philippines)	4 33 6
J.P. MacMahon (Hongkong)	*4 33 3
A. Ysrael (Philippines)	4:34 2

HIGH HURDLES

Ng Liang-chiang (Singapore)	15 2
Lloyd Valberg (Singapore)	15 5
Tan Chin-kit (Pahang)	15 6
Juvencio Ardina (Philippines)	15 9
F. Montana (Philippines)	16 4
J. Cave (Hongkong)	*16 5
Cheung Yat-hung (Hongkong)	*16 6
E J Brohier (Negri Sembilan)	16 8
Ko Tai-chuen (Hongkong)	16 9
A. Collaco (Hongkong)	*17 0

LOW HURDLES

Ng Liang-chiang (Singapore)	56 6
M. Sumalinog (Philippines)	57 0
R I Sivapatham (Singapore)	58 7
K. Laxman (Selangor)	59 2
J. Pimentel (Philippines)	59.6
D. J. McNabb (Hongkong)	61 0
A. Arnais (Philippines)	62 0

HIGH JUMP

Andres Franco (Philippines)	6 4¾
Sudarmadja (Indonesia)	6 2¼
Lloyd Valberg (Singapore)	6 1
Poon Weng-choong (Selangor)	6 0¾
Oon Neemungkung (Thailand)	6 0
Ronald Da Silva (Singapore)	6 0
Abdul Aziz (Borneo)	5 11¼
J. Dallywater (Hongkong)	5 10½
Victor Lai (Hongkong)	5 9
Lang Sum (Hongkong)	5 8½

POLE VAULT

Edward Johnson (Philippines)	11 8
Bachet (Indochina)	11 5¾
Chew Hai-yuen (Singapore)	11 5
Yee Tit-kwan (Hongkong)	11 1½
Kernal Singh (Selangor)	11 0½
Niedzeiski (Indochina)	10 11
K.E. Wake (Hongkong)	*10 9
Yew Kim (Kelantan)	10 2
S. Hilao (Philippines)	10 2
P. Perreau (Singapore)	10 1
J. D. Bulner (Selangor)	10 1

LONG JUMP

T. Moynan (Hongkong)	21 10
Lloyd Valberg (Singapore)	21 5
Edward Johnson (Philippines)	21 4
Chong Koon-how (Selangor)	21 3¼
Lefevre (Indochina)	21 2¼
Ng Ming-sum (Hongkong)	21 1½
Lt. Stewart-Cox (Hongkong)	21 0½
Stephen Xavier (Hongkong)	20 11½
Mahmood (Selangor)	20 10
Cheng Man-ching (Hongkong)	20 9½

HOP, STEP & JUMP

Hindarsin (Indonesia)	46 8½
Lloyd Valberg (Singapore)	45 3
Lim Tiang-quee (Singapore)	44. 3
Lee Weng-soon (Selangor)	44: 0
Andres Franco (Philippines)	43:11½
Tan Eng-yoon (Singapore)	42:10½
Cheung Yat-hung (Hongkong)	*42:10
T. Moynan (Hongkong)	42 7½
E. Aquino (Philippines)	41 11½
E.J. Brohier (Negri Sembilan)	41 5¾

SHOT PUT

Artemio Cortes (Philippines)	43 0
Aurelio Amante (Philippines)	40 6
A. Sibidol (Borneo)	40 3
J. F. Greer (Hongkong)	39: 3
H P Woodhead (Hongkong)	39: 0¼
Sarmukh Singh (Perak)	38: 9¾
Chan Wai-chin (Hongkong)	37:10
Niedzeski (Indochina)	37: 4
Daumas (Indochina)	37: 1
H M Taylor (Singapore)	36:11½

DISCUS THROW

Sgt Leddington (Hongkong)	128: 8½
Aurelio Amante (Philippines)	128: 1
Tsai Pai-lin (Taiwan)	127: 7¼
Nesbitt (Hongkong)	120: 3
Pawlowski (Hongkong)	117:11
Prin (Indochina)	114: 6¾
Bachet (Indochina)	111: 2
R. Ballerand (Hongkong)	110: 9
Dollion (Indochina)	109:11
Arthur McColm (Singapore)	109: 6½

JAVELIN THROW

P. Junio (Philippines)	186:10
Tan Huck-chiang (Selangor)	183: 8
P. Skipworth (Hongkong)	180: 8
H. M. Taylor (Singapore)	179: 8
Cpl. Williams (Perak)	176: 7
D. J. McNabb (Hongkong)	165: 8
Chan Wai-chih (Hongkong)	*162: 4¾
A. F. Mathulessy (Indonesia)	160: 7¾
Aurelio Amante (Philippines)	153: 5
A. Fisher (Philippines)	152: 7¾
Johnson (Hongkong)	151: 7½

WOMEN'S EVENTS

100 METRES

Tang Pei-wah (Singapore)	12.9
Eleanor Ross (Singapore)	13.0
Huang Min-chu (Negri Sembilan)	13.2
Chan Soo-lan (Selangor)	13.2
Joyce Dean (Singapore)	13.5
Fay Siebel (Selangor)	13.5
Maureen Hodkinson (Hongkong)	13.6
Ng Wai-cheng (Perak)	13.6
Wong Yee-man (Hongkong)	*13.7
Noele Simmons (Hongkong)	13.8
Hilary Hale (Hongkong)	13.8
Julia Tingay (Hongkong)	*13.8
Lam Kak-lan (Hongkong)	*13.8

200 METRES

Tang Pei-wah (Singapore)	27.2
Fay Siebel (Selangor)	28.6
Chan Soo-lan (Selangor)	28.8
Huang Min-chu (Negri Sembilan)	29.0
Julia Tingay (Hongkong)	29.2
Mavis Scharenguivel (Singapore)	29.4
Poon Ching-noon (Hongkong)	29.4
Maureen Hodkinson (Hongkong)	29.7
Hilary Hale (Hongkong)	29.8
Jennifer Hart (Hongkong)	*29.9
Fok Wing-sheung (Hongkong)	*29.9

HIGH JUMP

Ruth Ferreira (Singapore)	4:8
Ong Soon-kheng (Johore)	4:8
Salome Santos (Philippines)	4:6
Neela Rajaretnam (Selangor)	4:5½
Tang Pei-wah (Singapore)	4:5
Julia Tingay (Hongkong)	*4:5
Betty Rajaretnam (Selangor)	4:4½
Tsui Shui-may (Hongkong)	*4:3½
Suzanne Whitworth (Hongkong)	4:3
Valerie Jillott (Hongkong)	*4:2¾
Inge Renner (Hongkong)	4:2
Nina Roberts (Hongkong)	4:2
Ruby Scott (Hongkong)	4:2

LONG JUMP

Yap Kwan-thye (Perak)	16: 7½
Noele Simmons (Hongkong)	15: 0½
Pong Sik (Hongkong)	14: 9½
Lam Yi-lian (Hongkong)	14: 9
Juliet Lin (Hongkong)	14: 6
Seow Phay-tong (Penang)	14: 5½
Chan Yin-shiu (Hongkong)	14: 3½
Maureen Hodkinson (Hongkong)	14: 1
Valerie Slade (Hongkong)	13:10½
Ho Yin-wan (Hongkong)	[illegible]

Ten-Mile Race In Kowloon Planned

The executive committee of the Hongkong Amateur Track and Field Association held a meeting at the War Memorial Centre, Southorn Playground, last night with Mr P. Donohue in the chair.

It was announced that a road race of 10 miles will be held in Kowloon on February 3, commencing at 3 p.m. Competitors are requested to send in their entries not later than January 23.

The course of the race is not yet definite and it will be announced later. Silver and bronze medals will be distributed to the successful competitors.

Arrangements for the Hongkong versus Kowloon athletic meeting which will be held on February 17 at Boundary Street were discussed during the meeting. There will be only three competitors from each side in each event, and the representatives will be chosen later. All entries are requested to be forwarded to the Secretary of the Association before January 26.

It was announced at the meeting that the Colony Championships for track and field events will be held on April 5 and 6.

ENGLAND BEATS SCOTLAND

London, Jan. 21.

England beat Scotland by eight bouts to two, in an amateur boxing international at the Royal Albert Hall here tonight.—Reuter.

JUST MISSED

Yee Tit-kwan of the South China Athletic Association did not miss this height — 10 feet 9 inches — at Caroline Hill in the Inter-Club athletic meet on Sunday.

His vault of 11 feet 1½ inches just missed being among the 20 best in the British Empire last year and was the nearest local athletic performance to being included in the Empire's ranking lists. — China Mail Photo.

Army Football Notes

THE SELECTORS COULD GIVE SOME OF ARMY'S PLAYERS A WELL-EARNED REST

Says "MAO YAN"

Army lost two valuable points last Sunday when they lost 1-0 to a much improved Eastern side at Causeway Bay. The game was indeed a repetition of Army's loss to Police when the Army forwards swarmed over the opposition's goal, but could not place the ball into the back of the net.

Eastern obtained a good goal in the early stages of the first half, when Kirkland allowed Eastern's right-winger too much space to operate. The low, fast centre was flashed across the Army goalmouth, and was deflected by two of Eastern's forwards into the left-hand conner of the net, giving Bourton no chance whatever.

Territorially, Army won this game very handsomely, and especially during long periods of the second half, when Eastern were forced to play a "kicking into touch game," and this served them well because they managed to hold on to their slim 1-0 lead until the final whistle.

I cannot help pointing a finger at Army's inside-forwards, because chances were there galore, which they failed to accept. Davey ran through early in the first half, and fumbled a shot from about 10 yards. The same player again struck the cross-bar with a good header, and in the second half, Wilson hit the upright with a fast shot with Eastern's goalkeeper well-beaten.

The Army inside-forwards have done this before, and I hope they have now learned the lesson that only accurate and well-placed shots will put the ball in the back of the net. Shots which hit the crossbar and the upright don't count.

A WRONG MOVE

The reshuffle of the Army forward line in the second half did not help matters, and in my opinion, was a wrong move. Jones, who is essentially an outside-right, was brought into the inside-right berth, Wilson was moved into the centre, and Davey on the right wing.

This was supposedly because Davey could not find any room round Eastern's centre-half, but the real reason was easy to see, in that Davey was playing up and down the middle of the field and advertising all his moves like a broadcasting set. The net result was that Eastern's centre-half had a comparatively easy afternoon.

Looking back, the loss was a pity, but lessons must be learnt, even if Army have to learn them the hard way, and they have no-one to blame but themselves for losing to a team which they earlier this season decisively defeated, 6 to 1.

The position at the top of the First Division is becoming more and more interesting as the weeks go by. KMB staged a comback and beat S. China decisively, while Sing Tao beat Club.

S. China, Sing Tao, and the Army are virtually, therefore, level and neck and neck on points, providing Army win their game which they have in hand against Club. Three teams leading in the First Division with 21 points each is a very interesting situation, and as I forecast earlier this season, S. China are not going to have it all their own way.

OVERPLAYING

Early this season I talked about the matter of overplaying of Army players, and certain quarters disagreed with me in stating that Chinese players have equally heavy engagements. Let us turn then to last Saturday's game when the HKFA played the CNAAF in the 1st round of the Governor's Cup, because figures do not lie. An analysis of the teams shows as follows:—

The Chinese Team: Three from S. China, two from Police, two from Eastern, two from Sing Tao, one from KMB, and one from CAA.

The HKFA team: two from CLUB, three from St Joseph's, and the inevitable six from Army.

This is not an isolated case. It is always happening, and it will happen again and again if the HKFA and the various selection committees do not take note of the strain which is being imposed on the various members of the Army team.

I quote again the case of Edwards, Army's left-winger, whom Army dropped to give him a rest after he had played in four representative games in six days.

Those "willing horses", Etheridge, Kirkland, Tennuci, Yorke and Higgins are names which immediately jump to the mind of the representative selection committees when picking teams, and I do wish in future that the Gentlemen of these selection committees would pay a little attention to the number of games that these players are in fact playing.

I am not suggesting for one moment that Army will not produce players at any time, because many people will remember how Army stepped into the breach when the Indian Touring Team was in the Colony.

What I am, however, suggesting is that some of our household names should be told that they are not playing in "such and such" a representative game because they are being given a well-earned rest.

WARNING IS CLEAR

We are now nearly in February, and Army still have 11 League fixtures to complete, matches in the semi-final, and maybe the final, of the Memorial Cup, heavy participation in the 2nd and 3rd matches of the Governor's Cup, participation against the Danes, quite apart from Army's Major and Minor Unit League matches. But don't worry. Army will play on, but the warning is clear. The fixture list between now and mid-April is far, far, too heavy.

Army's next game is against Kit Chee at Sookunpoo on Saturday, January 26, at 4 p.m. Apropos of my previous remarks concerning lack of bite in the Army forward line, it is to be noted that there has been a reshuffle in the forward line, and this brings Cunningham back into the centre, after his injury against Sing Tao, and Higgins into the inside-right position.

The team therefore will be Bourton; Etheridge, Kirkland; Churchill, Tennuci (Capt), Yorke; Jones, Higgins, Cunningham, Wilson and Thompson. Reserves to attend will be Miller, Davey, Edwards, Johnson and Tomlinson.

MINOR UNITS LEAGUE

The following matches are to be played off to complete the Army Minor Units Football League Zone II competition:

Thursday—27 Coy, RAMC, v GHQ 27 HAA Regt, Stanley, 4 p.m.; 23 HAA Bty, RA, v 33 Gen. Hosp., Boundary "C", 4 p.m.

Thursday, January 31—137 HAA Bty, RA, v RAPC, Hongkong, Stanley, 4 p.m.; HQ HK & Kln Garrison v 6 FOD, Boundary "C", 4 p.m.

Friday, February 1—27 Coy, RAMC, v 33 Gen. Hosp., Boundary Street, 4 p.m.; GHQ 27 HAA Regt, RA, v 23 HAA Bty, RA, Stanley, 4 p.m.

These fixtures are additional to those already notified.

CHALLENGE CUP

The 23rd Field Regiment, R.A., beat the 58th Medium Regiment, R.A., by two goals to one in the quarter finals of the Army Challenge Cup at Gun Club Hill yesterday.

After 15 minutes Hurtley kicked from near the side line to score a beautiful goal in the corner of the net.

With five minutes to go, Davey took a ground pass in front of the goal and pushed the ball in, leaving Swindon standing on the wrong side.

After the interval Pether, 58 Regiment's centre-forward reduced the score with a perfect goal from a few yards out.

Is There Organised Cheating In First Class Football?

By IVAN SHARPE

An international referee **who is out and about every week in the League, says there is organised cheating in first-class football.**

It all springs from childish tricks and tantrums, which take four or five forms. Thus:

The **Free-kick Cheat** — the player who deliberately stands less than ten yards from the ball in order to delay a free-kick until his team-mates have taken up position. So are the benefits of the free-kick neutralised.

The **Throw-in Baby**. He claims "Our throw!" and, when over-ruled, carries the ball into the field of play and tosses it back beyond the thrower's reach—again a deliberate delay for recovery of position.

The **Delayed Action Dodger**. A forward pretends to throw in, changes his mind, and hands over to the half-back... this is a trick to waste time.

The **Goal Robber**—the man who stops the ball with his hand when it is going to an opponent in a dangerous position.

Until recently there was a fifth pest, the **Kick-it-away Kid** ...the fellow who, when penalised, kicked the ball out of range. But, thanks to firm handling, he's fading out.

TAKE IT IN TURN

The FA have done their utmost to rid the game of these pests. They have told referees again and again that all this is ungentlemanly conduct, that such players should be cautioned and, on repetition, ordered off the field.

As it is, a serious development has occurred. The referee says some teams have a rota for delaying free-kicks. Thus the right-half may delay the first, the left-half the second, the inside-left the third, and the inside-right the fourth.

Get the idea? No man gets a second caution. No man runs the risk of marching orders. It's organised cheating.

The only way to check this sort of thing, of course, is for every offender to be cautioned —that isn't happening, now — and for the whole circumstances of the conspiracy, real or suspected, to be forwarded to the FA, along with the report of the cautions.

The authorities will come down on misdemeanour, if referees do their duty.

WANT NEW CUP

Will more of the small clubs be cut out of the FA Cup? Will the proposed Intermediate Cup for professional clubs outside the Football League come into being next season?

These are questions the FA are now studying.

James A. Cringan, who launched the scheme for Banbury Spencer FC, gives me details just forwarded to the FA in support of the Intermediate Cup with final tie at Wembley.

Clubs circularised have voted thus: 109 for and 33 against. They come from competitions like the following:

	For	Agst
Southern League	3	9
South - Western League	6	0
Western League	7	1
Birmingham Combination	12	1
Birmingham League	8	0
Midland Counties League	4	2
Cheshire League	2	6
Lancashire Combination	14	7
North-Eastern League	6	1
Yorkshire League	8	0

In the FA they have been wondering whether such a competition would appeal to a well-defined section of the public. Mr Cringan says: "The result of our latest circular gives the answer. Our case is strengthened as the call for the new competition becomes more widely known."

Meantime, another Intermediate Cup is planned — a national competition for Football League players under the age of 18. However, there is no danger of trouble over titles.

FINAL MORNING?

"Why not play all League matches on Saturday morning on Cup Final day?" writes an old friend. "50 years in Fleet-street."

This, because of the invasion of London by provincial Rugby teams, who played their matches before lunch and went to see the South Africans at Twickenham in the afternoon.

"The five-day week is here and, if League matches were played in the morning, the air would be cleared for the BBC and TV services," he says.

Morning matches have been tried at Lincoln and Doncaster in order to escape a clash with racing, and the attendances have been about normal. Whether the clubs as a whole would be willing to move forward in this way is another matter.

Some of them say morning football is unreal and doesn't get over, though I saw nothing amiss with Preston's New Year morning match against Burnley. A "Derby" day, admittedly.

Anyway, as the Cup Final is played this year on the last day of the season, May 3, many of the 26 League matches so far scheduled are likely to start after tea.

'BAR HEADING'

Still they write. Too much heading in football? All the old-timers say so, and many of the moderns agree.

J. A. H. S. of Bearsden, Dumbartonshire, says of McColl of Queen's Park and Newcastle United, always accepted as one of the greatest of all centre-forwards: "I can only once recall seeing him head the ball, and then with obvious reluctance. So deadly was his placed shot, which rarely left the ground, that much of the necessity of heading was removed."

F. J. C. Shepherd of Muswell Hill, London, says: "I would bar it entirely. Heads were never intended for such usage. There is great danger of permanent injury, especially at this time of the year.

"Another thing I would stop is two services at lawn tennis. Already the server has a great advantage. Why add to it? The service is the lawn tennis tee-shot. Fancy being allowed two tee-shots at golf!"

And why two innings apiece in cricket? For the "gate"?

BADMINTON RESULTS

Recreio lost to Craigengower, by 7-2, in an "A" Division match.

SINGLES

J. A. Soares (Recreio) beat C.C. Wen 12-15; lost to Robert Tay 14-16.

F. M. Rozario (Recreio) lost to Wen 7-15; lost to Tay 6-15.

A. J. Souza (Recreio) beat M. T. Lam 15-13.

DOUBLES

J. A. Soares and H. F. Gonsalves (Recreio) lost to C. C. Wen and K. C. Wong 20-23; lost to Robert Tay and M. T. Lam 15-21.

A. J. Souza and A. M. Silva lost to Wen and Wong 14-21; lost to Tay and Lam, 18-21.

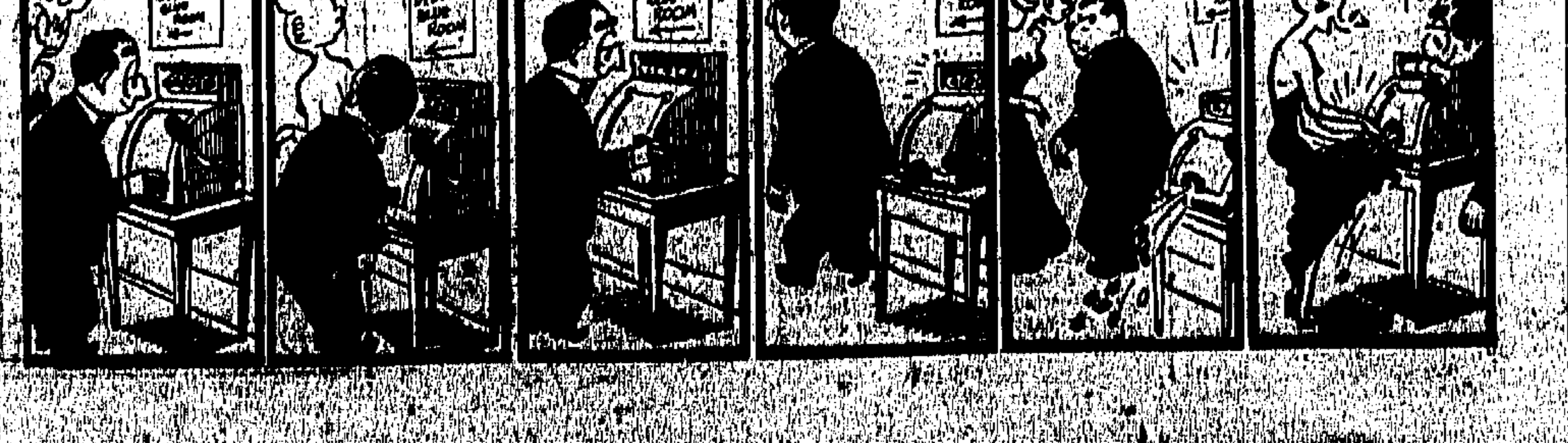
"C" DIVISION

Tytam "A" beat Kowloon Docks 9-0 in a "C" division badminton match last night.

Leo Leong and C.C. Yew (Tytam) beat A.E. Elliot and W. Gaffney 21-0; beat R.H.A. Lapsley and M. Kempton 21-3; beat J. R. Clark and A.M. Banks 21-0.

G.T. Louie and R. Arculli beat Elliot and Gaffney 21-10; beat Lapsley and Kempton 21-7; beat Clark and Banks 21-4.

S.P. Chat and H. Arculli beat Elliot and Gaffney 21-16; beat Lapsley and M. Kempton 21-[illegible]; beat Clark and Banks 21-[illegible].


THE GAMBOLS . . . . by Barry Appleby
NO, GEORGE, — THEY'RE AGAINST THE LAW.
CRICKET CLUB DANCE BLUE ROOM
YOU'VE HIT THE JACK POT, GEORGE QUICK

INTERPORT HOCKEY ON MONDAY

His Excellency the Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, and Lady Grantham, will attend the Interport game with Macao on Monday, January 28. Lady Grantham has consented to present the trophies.

This was announced at a meeting of the Council of the Hongkong Hockey Association held at the Board Room of Messrs Shewan, Tomes & Co., yesterday, and presided over by Mr G. T. Palmer.

The Macao team, which will arrive on January 27, will play their first game against the Rest of the Colony the following day at 2 p.m. followed by the Interport game at 3.30 p.m. Both games are to be played at the Recreio ground.

An Inter-port dinner dance will be held in the Roof Garden of the Hongkong Hotel after the games.

Before announcing the resignation of the Umpire Board en block, the recommendation that Major F. L. Vickery be promoted to Class I umpire was accepted. Mr Palmer said that new classes for umpires will start soon and hoped that more people will join these classes.

It was announced that the CBA ground will be made available to the Hockey Association on Saturday afternoons. However, after April 1, a small fee will be charged for the loan of the ground.

ARMY LEAGUE

The following are the standings as at December 27, 1951, of the Major Units hockey league, Northern Zone:

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
1/Wilts	6	6	-	-	28	9	12
3 R.T.R.	7	4	1	2	23	18	10
1 Mx	5	3	2	-	15	5	6
23 Fd Regt RA	5	2	2	1	16	10	5
1 A & SH	6	1	4	1	8	21	3
1 RNF	2	1	1	-	4	4	2
50 Ghurkas, RE	5	-	5	-	8	22	-
1 RUR	2	-	2	-	-	9	-
46 Fd Regt RA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

TOMORROW'S MATCH

Accidentals in their hockey match against the Royal Navy at Sookunpoo "B" Pitch tomorrow at 3 p.m. will be represented by Capt Kickham; Maj Amey, Capt Seaton; Maj Marciandi, Maj Deighton, Capt Stiff; Maj Grieg, Maj Jarrett, Capt Bird, Capt Cox and Lt Denyer; Reserves, Capt Schuster, Capt Gyde, Lt Lawson, Capt Newell and Capt Horner; Umpire, Capt Livemore.

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Shillings For Britain's Olympic Hockey Team

London, Jan. 21.

The British Hockey Board named Saturday, February 2, as "Olympic Hockey Day" when members of every club in the country are asked to subscribe one shilling to a fund.

The Board says that without shillings Britain will stand no chance of winning the Olympic tournament next July and may finish out of the first three.

The opposing teams, says the appeal, will have undergone intensive training and coaching and it would be hopeless to oppose them with a scratch collection of first-class players.

The Board intends to bring selected British players together at four week-end camps in practice games. — Reuter.

NOTICE

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the 3rd Race Meeting 1952 to be held on Saturday, 2nd February, 1952, (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Telephone House; the Club House, Happy Valley; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on Thursday, 24th January, 1952.

By Order,
H. Miss,
Secretary.

DON'T WASTE WATER

TO PLAY IN ASIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Two American lawn tennis finalists of the 1951 Wimbledon, Miss Shirley Fry and Miss Doris Hart, arrived in London on the Queen Mary Boat-train.
They are to go to India to play in the Asian Championships in February.
Photo shows Shirley Fry (left) and Doris Hart (right).—Express Photo.

Colony Rugger Team Leaves For Japan Tour Tomorrow

By "HANLINCODE"

Tomorrow at 5 p.m. the 24 players selected after many months of seeding will leave Kai Tak for Japan to compete against various University and Club Rugby sides.

This is the first time ever that a rugger team representing the Colony as a whole has paid a visit to Japan and the local fans will no doubt await the results with some no little interest.

The tour is quite an extensive one and will tax the fitness of the local men to the utmost. There are four games to be played, not all at the same spot, and as it is intended to field the best available team in each game there are some players who will definitely be called upon time and time again.

SADLY MISSED

It is a great pity that Craig, the Club scrum half, is ill and cannot travel. He will be sadly missed, for, besides his undoubted ability at the base of the scrum, he also possesses a good reliable kick, which in itself would have been worth his place.

Walden, too, the fast Club winger is unable to travel and must remain behind along with Norman, the Navy English trialist centre.

The first match is to be played at Tokyo and will be against the Meiji University XV and is scheduled for January 25.

After a day's rest the second game, also at Tokyo will be played against All Kanto.

The team travels that night and at Yokohama on the 28th will play against the Combined XV of The Kobe and Yokohama Athletic Club. And this XV will be European.

Another rest follows this during which the players travel to Osaka when on the 30th (Wednesday week) the match will be against the Kyshu-Kansai XV.

The team will travel back to Hongkong that night and will arrive back during the forenoon of February 1. No doubt tired, but we hope victorious.

THE TEAM

With the team will travel Mr John Redman as the Hon Manager and Mr H. M. G. Forsgate as the Non-Playing Captain. The following are the players to travel:—

J. R. Henderson (Club) Layton (Club) Stewart (Club) Campbell (Club) Nolan (Club) Bleakley (Police) Minto (Club) Lambert (Club) Talamo (Club) Arnold (Army) Blackburn (Army) Lawes (Army) Claydon (Army) Hartland (Army) Crafter (Army) Deacock (Army) Thomas (Army) Roden (Army) Hopkins (Army) Evans (Army) Yeo (Army) Baume (Army) Morrison (Navy) Lattey (Navy).

Saturday's Home Soccer Fixtures

The following are the Home Football League fixtures for Saturday, January 26. The figures in brackets are the scores for the corresponding match last year.

Division I			
Arsenal	v	Manchester C.	(—)
Blackpool	v	Derby	(3-1)
Bolton	v	Burnley	(1-1)
Chelsea	v	Wolves	(2-1)
Liverpool	v	Aston Villa	(0-0)
Manchester U	v	Tottenham	(2-1)
Middlesbro'	v	Huddersfield	(8-0)
Newcastle	v	Charlton	(3-2)
Portsmouth	v	Sunderland	(0-0)
Stoke	v	Preston	(—)
West Brom	v	Fulham	(0-0)
Division II			
Barnsley	v	Swansea	(1-0)
Birmingham	v	Everton	(—)
Blackburn	v	Luton	(1-0)
Cardiff	v	Southampton	(2-2)
Hull City	v	Bury	(4-0)
Leeds	v	West Ham	(2-0)
Leicester	v	Doncaster	(2-0)
Notts F.	v	Brentford	(—)
Queen's P.R.	v	Notts C	(1-0)
Rotherham	v	Sheffield W	(—)
Sheffield U	v	Coventry	(2-0)
Division III (Southern)			
Aldershot	v	Exeter	(4-2)
Bournemouth	v	Southend	(3-1)
Brighton	v	Reading	(1-1)
Bristol R	v	Plymouth	(3-1)
Gillingham	v	Northampton	(3-1)
Ipswich	v	Bristol	(2-0)
Leyton	v	Swindon	(2-1)
Millwall	v	Newport	(2-4)
Shrewsbury	v	Colchester	(—)
Torquay	v	Port Vale	(3-2)
Walsall	v	Crystal Pal	(0-0)
Watford	v	Norwich	(0-2)
Division III (Northern)			
Accrington	v	Grimsby	(—)
Bradford C	v	Hartlepools	(3-1)
Carlisle	v	Barrow	(1-1)
Chester	v	Darlington	(3-1)
Halifax	v	Bradford	(2-2)
Lincoln	v	Gateshead	(2-1)
Mansfield	v	Chesterfield	(—)
Rochdale	v	Wrexham	(2-0)
Scunthorpe	v	Crewe	(1-1)
Stockport	v	Workington	(—)
Tranmere	v	Southport	(4-0)
York	v	Oldham	(2-2)

The first round of the Scottish Cup will also be played on Saturday.

FA CUP RELAY

London, Jan. 21.

In the FA Cup third round second replay today, Ipswich Town lost to Gateshead 1-2 after extra time.

Gateshead are now at home to West Bromich in the fourth round.—Reuter.

JOCKEY CLUB STATEMENT

In connection with Race No. 8, the Doncaster Handicap (Second section), run on Saturday, the Stewards of the Hongkong Jockey Club have issued the following statement:

The Stewards enquired into the running of "Harvest Field" in this race, and having heard the evidence of the owners, "Field", the rider, Mr K. Kwok and the trainer, Mr Tokmokoff, accepted their explanation.

Nine Dragons Club Finals On Thursday

REME "C" will meet 23rd Field Regt, RA, in the final of the darts competition at the Nine Dragons Services Club on Thursday at 7 p.m. The final of the table tennis competition will also be played then between 56 Coy, RASC, and Com. W/Shops, REME.

Prizes for both competitions will be presented on January 31 at 8 p.m.

Entries for the February darts and table tennis competitions must be received by Mr Woolham, Manager of the Club, by January 31. Entrance fee for darts is $3 per team of six players while entry is free for table tennis. Draws for both tournaments will be made on January 31 at 8.30 p.m. and results will be posted on the Club notice board.

BASKETBALL

Entries can now be received for the Nine Dragons knockout basketball competition, the closing date being February 14. Rules will be circularised to all teams participating.

It is hoped to start the first round on February 18 and units may enter as many teams as they wish.

The winners will receive silver engraved cups and the shield will carry the name of the winning team to be held by them for one month.

During the month, whist drives will be held every Tuesday at 8 p.m. There will be cash prizes.

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H.K. Ruggerites Warned Not To Be Too Optimistic

Tokyo, Jan. 21.

Sports commentators here believe that the Hongkong Rugby team due here soon should not be over-optimistic on its chances of beating Japanese teams.

It is believed here that despite the opinion of officials of the Japanese Rugby Federation, who hold a gloomy view on Japan's chances the coming series of games, the Hongkong team will have to be in top form to beat the Japanese teams.

The weight and size of the Hongkong players will be to their advantage, but the Japanese players are past-masters in the art of counter-attack and their speedy heeling out of loose scrums, their speed and their amazing teamwork will make them very dangerous. Besides, they are exceptional kickers.

Sports fans here are awaiting eagerly the series, but would not bet too much on the chances of the Hongkong team.—France-Presse.

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COMB. SERVICES TEAM v. HKCC

The following have been selected to represent the Combined Services v. the Hongkong Cricket Club at Chater Road on Sunday and Monday, January 27 and 28:

Lt.-Col. Baily, S/Ldr. Kingsford, Surg.-Cdr. Goldsworthy, Lt. Fisher, Capt. Williams, Capt. Grant, Lt. Buckley, F/Lt. Wilson, F/Lt. Ball, Capt. Nicolson and AC Bennion.

Reserves: Capt. Graveston, Capt. Campbell, L/Sig. Bailey. Umpire: Capt. Britton. Scorer: A.C. Trowell.

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Chileans Leaving For Bombay

Santiago, Jan. 21.

Ten Chilean players will leave tomorrow by BOAC for Bombay to compete in the World Table Tennis Tournament, beginning on February 1, in the Indian city.—United Press.

Freddie Mills Offers Some Good Advice

'ALTITUDE ACHE' WILL HIT PETER KEENAN AT THE JOHANNESBURG FIGHT

By GEORGE WHITING

How much "altitude ache" is Peter Keenan going to suffer when he fights Vic Toweel for the bantamweight championship of the world at 5,740 feet above sea-level in Johannesburg on January 26?

Recently we had Mr Ludwig Japhet—Transvaal promoter now in London—suggesting that visiting European boxers had exaggerated the effects of the altitude, and made of it a convenient alibi for defeat.

That is not the view of Freddie Mills, World Cruiserweight champion, who stopped Nick Wolmarans and Johnny Ralph in two visits to South Africa's golden city: or of manager George Dingley, who took Jackie Paterson out there to fight Toweel in 1949.

RAREFIED AIR

"It's when you start in-fighting that the rarefied air gets you," Mills tells me.

"Against Wolmarans in 1947 I found I was always the first to pull out of a spell of in-fighting. After two rounds, I had to keep away from him altogether, conserve my energies, and take my time knocking him out in the fifth.

"I trained indoors for that fight, and found after the first day that I had to take things much more easily than I would at home. You soon learn, too, not to chase buses or run up stairs.

"Against Ralph, in November 1948, I trained outdoors before sunrise and after sunset, and felt much better. We had oxygen in my corner, and that helped a lot—but we packed it up when we learned we should not be allowed to use it in the actual fight.

"It was a warm night when I fought Ralph yet, curiously enough, I was less affected by heat than in my second fight with Gus Lesnevich in London (White City) the previous July.

"If you are not properly acclimatised, boxing at nearly 6,000ft. is hard work, and unless you take it easy you can soon land in trouble with your arms and legs. They feel as heavy as lead.

SIMILAR ARGUMENTS

"For bantamweights, who normally box much faster than us bigger fellows, Johannesburg can set quite a lot of problems. My advice to Keenan would be to take it easy—and keep away from in-fighting."

Manager Dingley has similar arguments against those of promoter Japhet. "When I took Jackie Paterson out there," he writes, "our masseur assured me it was essential to have oxygen during training.

"At the end of the second round, Paterson complained to me that he was having difficulty with his breathing, and that his arms were tired.

"Stan Rowan and Freddie Mills had to have oxygen out there. Luis Romero, of Spain, complained of tiredness after two rounds against Toweel. Stefan Olek, the French heavyweight, also complained about being affected by the altitude."

NO HELP

On this kind of evidence, I think it must be accepted that "Old Man Altitude" will certainly be no help to Scotland's world title aspirations in oven-hot Johannesburg.

But at least we can be thankful that Cock-o'-the-North Keenan is as canny as he is confident.

It was a cute boxing brain that made him insist on at least six weeks' acclimatisation before attempting the world title task that proved too much for Danny O'Sullivan and Luis Romero.

Despite his reputation for having a mind of his own, our forthright little champion is not above taking a tip or two from his more experienced elders. For that reason I feel sure he will listen to the advice of Freddie Mills on January 26—and make it a case of "KEEP AWAY, KEENAN!"

—(London Express Service)

Toweel Knocks Sparring Partner Unconscious

Johannesburg, Jan. 21.

Vic Toweel, training for the defence of his World Bantamweight Boxing title against the British and European Champion, Peter Keenan, tonight knocked out the African sparring partner who had knocked him down in a workout last week.

The sparring partner, named Davis, was unconscious for 23 minutes after Toweel had cut loose with a left hook to the body, followed by a vicious right to the point of the chin.

He was carried to his dressing room at the back of the gymnasium, where he revived after attention.

Maurice Toweel, the Champion's brother and manager, said afterwards: "I want to emphasise that there was no grudge or revenge motive in my brother's hard hitting tonight. He is reaching his peak form for Saturday's bout and when he is at that stage he hits with terrific power."—Reuter.

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Monte Carlo Rally Drivers Expect Rough Journey

Glasgow, Jan. 21.

Competitors arriving here today for the start of the Monte Carlo Rally tomorrow believe that their 2,000-mile journey to the Riviera will be the worst of its kind since the war.

Snow, ice and fog were reported over most of the route from Glasgow to the first control point. Cold weather clothing was much in evidence and the cars carried chains and equipment for rescuing cars from ditches.

Mr A. K. Stevenson, the Secretary of the Royal Scottish Automobile Club, the official starter, said that it would be a difficult journey the whole way.

"I have just had word from Monte Carlo that heavy snow is falling there," he said.

Mr Stevenson added: "There is thick fog for the first 50 miles out of Glasgow plus snow and ice and these conditions are general for most of the route."

There will be 73 starters from Glasgow. Each car on arrival was taken to the official garage, where various parts were sealed and specifications checked against details on the entry forms.—Reuter.

Victoria Club Callover On FA Cup Chances

London, Jan. 21.

The Victoria Club, known throughout the world as the racing man's "Stock Exchange" and the clearing house of British betting amounting to millions of pounds each year, tonight held an official callover on the English Football Association Cup competition.

Arsenal, the Cup winners in 1950, were installed the 11 to 2 favourites at this first callover on football since the club was established 92 years ago.

The directors of the club agreed to the innovation at the request of many members who believe that callover odds will interest all Britons throughout the world.

The English Football Association, which runs the competition, is not associated in any way with the callover.

Arsenal were well-backed and Portsmouth, the First Division leaders, were made the second favourites at 15 to 2.

Tottenham Hotspur, the League Champions last season, and Liverpool followed, both quoted at 10 to 1.—Reuter.

The twenty-second in the series of lessons in Cantonese to be broadcast over Radio Hongkong by Mr S. K. Lee will be given this evening at 6.30.

For the guidance of listeners we publish below a summary of the lesson. Summaries of subsequent lessons will be published in the China Mail every Tuesday and Friday for the duration of this radio feature.

Lesson 22

Looking for a job (refer to page 48, "Cantonese Simplified"):

Vocabulary:

111. goong(1). Work. Labour.
112. shik(1). To know how to. To recognise. To be acquainted with.
113. geeoo(3). To call. To tell or order.
114. tsaw(2). To sit.
115. dah(2). To beat; strike; fight.

Combinations:

1. Goong(1) (1)yun. Workman. Labourer.
2. (1)Yun goong(1). Wages.
3. Goong(1) (1)tseen. Wages.
4. Faan(1) goong(1). To go to work.
5. Shik(1) (3)dzoh. Can do it. To know how to do it. To be able to do it.
6. Geeoo(3) (3)dzoh. To be called (by name).
7. Tsing(2) (2)tsaw. Please take a seat.
8. Dah(2) goong(1). To take up employment.
9. Dah(2) (2)dzee. To type.
10. Dah(2) jee(2). A typist.

General Expressions:

25. Goong(1) foo(1). Work in general.
26. (3)Dzoh goong(1)-foo(1). To work.
27. Wun(2) goong(1)-(foo)(1). To look for a job.

Looking for a job.

1. [illegible] (1)yun wun(2) goong(1)-(foo)(1) [illegible] (3)dzoh [illegible] for a [illegible]
2. [illegible]
3. [illegible]
4. A. [illegible]
5. B. Geeoo(3) (2)kui (1)lai geen(3) (2)ngaw lah(1). Tell him to come to see me.
6. C. Seen(1)-shaang(1), dzoh(2)shun. Good morning, sir.
7. B. Dzoh(2)-(1)shun, tsing(2) (2)tsaw lah(1). Good morning, please take a seat.
8. (2)Nay shik(1) (1)m shik(1) dah(2)-(3)dzee ah(3)? Can you type? (Do you know how to type?)
9. C. (2)Ngaw shik(1) dah(2)-(3)dzee. I can type. (I know how to type.)
10. B. (2)Nay yeeoo(3) gay(2)-daw(1) (1)yun-goong(1) neh(1)? What wages do you want?
11. C. (2)Nay bay(2) gay(2)-daw(1) ah(3)? How much will you give?
12. B. Yut(1) (3)yut goong(1) (3)deem (2)-joong(1) goong(1)-foo(1), say(3) baak(3) mun(1) yun(1)-gaw(3) (3)yuet. You will work for eight hours a day for four hundred dollars a month.
13. C. Gum(3) (3)sheeoo(1) tseen(2), (2)ngaw (1)m (3)dzoh. I won't work for so little money.

(To Be Continued)

Suffragette On 1952

New York, Jan. 20.

Rosalia Gioia, head coach of the girls' basketball team at New York's Hunter College, feels hurt.

The former girls-only college became co-educational last autumn, when it admitted 229 men for the first time. But now, complains Rosalia, the men's basketball team is allowed to wear the most glorious shiny satin uniforms and "warm-up" jackets, while her girls are not. "Oh, the injustice of it," writes Rosie in the old college mag.

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Notice is hereby given that the Thirty-third Ordinary Yearly Meeting of this Company will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, No. 10, Des Voeux Road Central, on Saturday, 9th February 1952 at 2.30 p.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December 1951 and elect Directors and appoint Auditors.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be closed from Saturday 2nd February to Saturday 9th February 1952 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

KAN TONG PO
Chief Manager.

Hongkogn, 21st Jan., 1952.

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Friends of the late Mr W. M. (Tommy) Thomson have decided to raise a charity fund in memory of the popular Defence Secretary, who died suddenly on January 5.

The fund will be closed on February 29, and the money donated used for some charitable purpose, yet to be decided upon, to perpetuate the name of Mr Thomson in the Colony, where he worked so hard and long for the public good.

The following Committee, elected on Friday, is sponsoring the fund: Messrs. Charles Fung (Chairman), J. P. B. Byrne (Hon. Treasurer), Henry Bough (Hon. Secretary), Leung Yew, Lam C. Chong, Dhun Ruttonjee, Y. T. Hsu, J. M. A. Ramjahn, D. R. Holmes, Shum Wai-yau, Dr Stanley Ho and David Trench.

It was decided that Mr Holmes, the Colony's Social Welfare Officer, be asked to make the final decision on how the money might best be spent, and it was agreed that the whole fund be paid over to the chosen beneficiary.

Mr Holmes stated that in making his choice, in which he will have the help of the committee, he would attempt to consult as many of the subscribers as possible.

All friends of the late Mr Thomson are therefore invited to subscribe to the fund.

Donations should be by crossed cheque, payable to the "W. M. Thomson Memorial Fund" and posted to J. B. P. Byrne, W. M. Thomson Memorial Fund, 501/502 Holland House.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

s/s "PYRRHUS"

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Hongkong, January 22, 1952.

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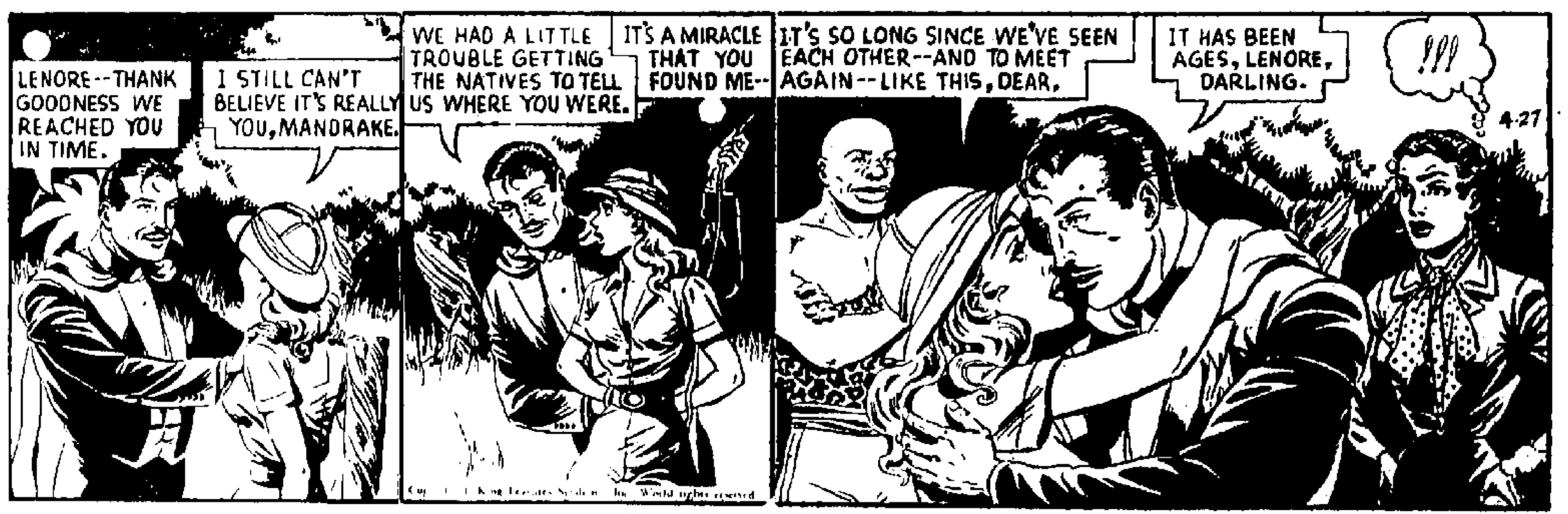
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I STILL CAN'T BELIEVE IT'S REALLY YOU, MANDRAKE.
WE HAD A LITTLE TROUBLE GETTING THE NATIVES TO TELL US WHERE YOU WERE.
IT'S A MIRACLE THAT YOU FOUND ME--
IT'S SO LONG SINCE WE'VE SEEN EACH OTHER--AND TO MEET AGAIN--LIKE THIS, DEAR,
IT HAS BEEN AGES, LENORE, DARLING.
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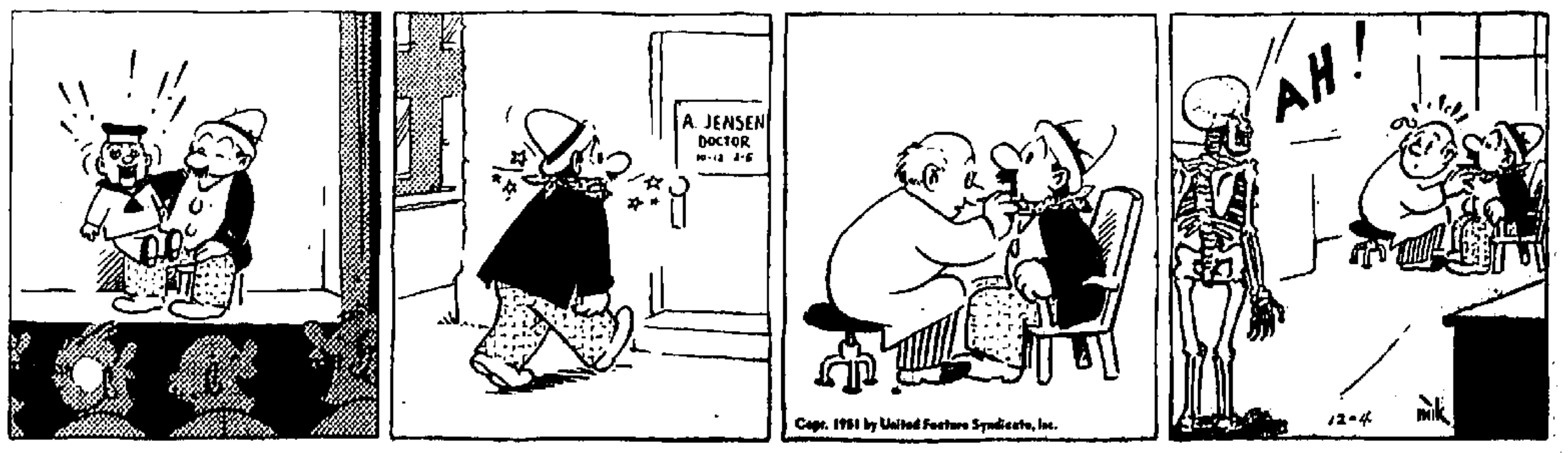
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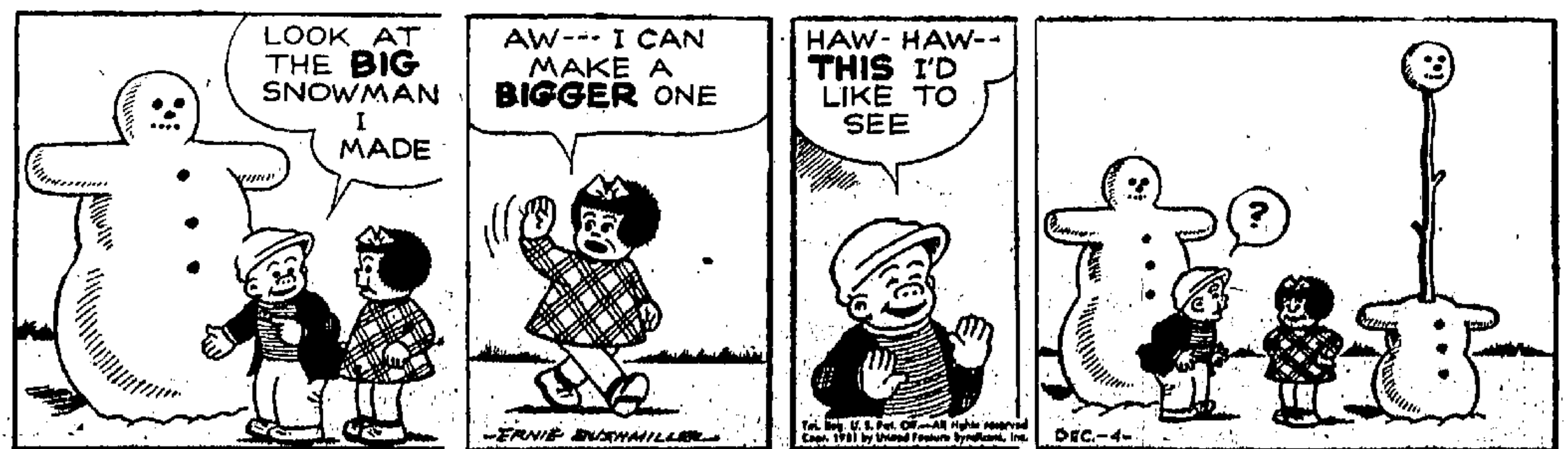
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Polly From POW Camp

London, Jan. 13.

They have only to shout "Here's the Japs" at Waverley Cottages, Lochore, in Scotland, and one member of the household will immediately take cover, preferably in somebody's jacket pocket.

That's Polly the parrot, found in a Japanese prisoner-of-war camp seven years ago by Army-owner Alec Meldrum. Polly's cage was a hole scraped in the soil under Alec's bed, and there the bird was hidden at every approach of the guards. Whenever this happened, Alec would shout: "Here's the Japs", and Polly would either dive into her "underground" cage or in one of Alec's pockets.

One day Polly was seen by the guards who tied her wings and threw her into the fire. But when they had gone, Alec pulled her out and nursed her with oil stolen from lamps and wrapped her in scraps of cotton wool obtained at the risk of Alec's life. Polly made a miraculous recovery to continue to enliven the days of the prisoners until the hour of liberation. On the way home, Alec wired his mother: "Home in a few days. Love, Alec and Polly". Ma was thrilled. She thought Alec was bringing home a bride, and all the neighbours turned out to greet them.

There were laughs when Polly suddenly popped out of Alec's pocket to voice the thanks of both to the welcoming neighbours. Asked to express an opinion of the Japanese Polly dived back into Alec's pocket. Indeed, on the occasions when Polly is naughty at home, the cure is to place her under a chair or [illegible] won't budge [illegible] until [illegible]

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	Arriving	Leaving	Outward For
"ZELIDJA"	Feb 15	Feb. 23	Saigon
			Homeward For
*"LA MARSEILLAISE"	Jan. 25	Jan 26	Marseilles via Manila & Saigon
†"BASTIA"	Jan 30	Jan. 31	N. Africa & Europe
†"MORTAIN"	Mar. 6	Mar. 7	N. Africa & Europe
†"ZELIDJA"	Mar. 25	Mar. 26	N. Africa & Europe

* passengers & freight.

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Passengers are requested to board the vessel with their **cabin baggage** on **Saturday the 26th of January** between 6 **P.M.** and 8 **P.M.**

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Silver Supplies Expected To Be Ample This Year

New York, Jan. 21.

Messers Handy and Harman predicted today that there will be ample silver supplies this year and little change in price from the current 88 cents per fine ounce.

The report said the U.S silver price was stable throughout 1951 and should remain so in 1952 with the ceiling availability of domestic production and the support provided by Mexico's probable need for at least a major portion of its own production over the coming months.

Handy and Harman issue daily silver quotations in New York which are the basis for dealings.

In its 36th annual review of the silver market, the Company noted that the general pattern of the principal silver markets throughout the world did not change much during 1951.

The New York price continued to represent the basis for most international transactions and this held steady throughout most of the year.

Cuban supplies have been unavailable since last October, but probaby will appear again on the basis of the published rate of 90.16 cents.

JAPANESE SILVER

Other stocks might also appear in the absence of incentive to hold out for a higher price and Japan is a possible source.

Silver production in the Western Hemisphere declined about seven per cent during the past year to about 130,000,000 ounces.

Saudi Arabia was the biggest buyer of Mexican silver, having completed coinage orders with the Bank of Mexico for some 21,000,000 ounces, minted in Mexico.

Western Germany took some 14,000,000 ounces, using about 10,000,000 for coinage requirements and the rest for industrial purposes. Both have further requirements for 1952.—United Press.

Japanese Imports Increase

Tokyo, Jan. 21.

Japan's imports during 1952 will total approximately $2,100 million to $2,300 million, the Economic Stabilisation Board estimated today.

The amount will represent an increase of 5 to 15 per cent over the current year's estimated total imports.

The Economic Stabilisation Board estimates the production index for 1952 at 140, an increase of about 10 per cent over the current year's figure, with 100 for the 1934-36 level.

To achieve this plan the following conditions must be obtained: An output of 5,000,000 tons of rolled steel, increase in food imports to meet the anticipated food decontrol and purchase of more goods from Pound and Open Account areas than from Dollar areas.

The import figure stood at $2,105 million, according to a plan submitted to Ambassador-at-Large John Foster Dulles last November.

Changes in both the domestic and international situation since then have necessitated revision. The final plan is due to be completed by mid-February.—United Press.

A Changed Attitude

Manila, Jan. 21.

The Philippine Secretary of Commerce, Cornelius Balmaceda, who is to lead the Philippine delegation to the Asia and Far East economic conference in Rangoon, was today instructed by President Elpidio Quirino not to oppose the attendance of Japanese observers at the conference.

The Secretary of Commerce is leaving for Rangoon on Wednesday.

President Quirino said that the modification of the Philippine attitude towards Japan was a result of the gradual return of Japan to the status of a sovereign state after the peace [illegible] into force. [illegible] Japanese participation in ECAFE.—France-Presse.

Wartime Scrip Redemption?

Manila, Jan. 21.

The possible redemption of Japanese wartime scrip is contingent on Congressional ratification or rejection of the Japanese Peace Treaty during the regular session which starts next week, the President of the Japanese War Notes Claimants' Association, Mr Emilio Javier, said today.

Mr Javier said that if Congress ratified the Treaty, the chances of note redemption were remote, but if Congress rejects the Pact, the way remains open for negotiations toward the redemption of the wartime scrip.—France-Presse.

"Safety First" Attitude

CAUTION OF UK INVESTORS

London, Jan. 21.

The Financial Times' index of leading industrials closed last week at 114.9, the lowest since mid-December 1950.

Since New Year's Day, those usually expensive shares have lost over five per cent of their market value and, since the Conservatives returned to power, they have lost about 17 per cent.

What precipitated the latest slump was the request made by Imperial Chemical Industries for £20,500,000 of new "risk capital" from shareholders and simultaneously the request of the huge Associated Electrical Industries for £6,600,000 of new "risk capital".

The reaction was instantaneous. Hostility was not so much against the actual terms as against the timing of the move.

To pour £21,000,000 into an expansion of plants now, when prices are inflated, is itself questionable, it is felt.

Victorian Britain learned this in the textile and iron and steel industries.

To do it now when the country's economy is lurching from side to side, to do it now when the country's leadership may well prove oratorical rather than economic, causes serious doubts.

In short, rising misgivings of all sorts are driving investors into an attitude of "safety first."

Ford Motors have fallen over 3/- to 47/3d., the lowest since last January and representing a loss of 23 per cent from the prices reached last June in the boom in blue chips.

Imperial Chemicals lost nearly 3/6d. last week, as did also Associated Electrical Industries.

In Japanese bonds, buying was headlong.—United Press.

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Wide Advance In Chicago Grain Prices

Chicago, Jan. 21.

Grains managed to draw a little inflationary inspiration from President Truman's budget message to Congress today.

Prices advanced in all pits. Corn led the upturn, partly because of a feeling there may be a shortage of this grain before the new crop comes in.

More exports of wheat to Japan and West Germany were expected this week. Egypt also was expected to take some wheat. The prospect of such business aided wheat.

The gain in soybeans was led by the January contract. However, bean oil was quoted at 10¾ cents a pound against 11¼ last Friday.

Wheat closed ½-1⅜ higher.
Corn was ½-1¾ higher.
Oats closed ⅝-1⅛ higher.
Rye was 1¾-2½ higher.
Soybeans were 1¼ to three cents higher.

Wheat	
March	2.57⅝-½
May	2.54⅝-½
July	2.47⅝
September	2.49
December	2.51¼
Soybeans	
January	3.01¾-½
March	2.94½-95
May	2.91⅞-¾
July	2.88¾
September	2.81¼
November	2.78¼
Corn	
March	$1.90¼-⅛
Rye	
May	$2.09⅛-¼
Oats	
March	90¾-91

—Associated Press.

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NEW YORK BANK QUOTATIONS

New York, Jan. 21.

Closing bank quotations: [illegible]

Importance Of Steel In World Situation: A Battle Of Output

AMERICA WELL AHEAD

New York, Jan. 21.

The steel-hungry nations of the non-Communist world may find in the United States output of the commodity in 1952 the key to the doubts and fears hidden by the "Iron Curtain."

Steel can do many things in 1952 to answer a brooding civilisation's apprehensive questions: "Is there going to be a Third World War? If there is, can we win it?"

The metal, and especially the large United States production of it, can, among other things:

1.—So contribute to the non-Communist countries' rearmament that the Soviet bloc will be deterred from aggression;

2.—So help building and development in those countries for peaceful civilian purposes that the masses are benefited and made more contented and thus less vulnerable to Communist subversion;

3.—If war comes, so equip the non-Communist fighting forces that an aggressor against them cannot hope to win.

The two giants, the United States and the Soviet Union, leaders of the blocs in political conflict, are also engaged in a hot steel-production race.

The National Geographic Society, in its annual review of the world's output in 1951, included a Soviet claim to have expanded its steel capacity by 9,700,000 tons.

STILL FAR AHEAD

Against that, the United States could show an increased actual output estimated at about 8,000,000 tons. But the following two factors were more significant:

1.—The increased Soviet capacity raised the total annual output in the U.S.S.R. to 35,000,000 tons, a figure which one United States producer, the United States Steel Corporation, achieved alone.

2.—The total United States production in 1951 was about 105,000,000 tons—passing the 100 million mark for the first time—and expansion facilities, now actually building, will add probably 5,000,000 tons in 1952.

Observers in this country see plenty of evidence that the Federal Government and the nation's steel producers are now in fundamental agreement on the need to expand output.

Substantial increase of steel-making facilities is not an overnight job, especially on the scale on which the United States builds. An open-hearth may be added relatively quickly here and there to existing mills, but new mills take time.

NEW MILLS

New hearths were mainly responsible for the 1951 increase of output. The new mills needed for larger increase are only now being built. Some will swell the 1952 total. Others will not be ready to produce before 1953.

Mr R. F. Sentner, an official of the United States Steel Corporation and for a time director of the National Production Authority's Iron and Steel Division, commented in a recent speech: "Throughout 1951 it has been commonly accepted that there has been a shortage of steel. Whether this is factual depends entirely on the definition of the word shortage.

"With the direct military procurement in 1951 being not more than 10 per cent, increased production alone, in effect, provided the military needs, leaving a full measure of steel for all other requirements.

"In 1952, the direct military requirements may require as much as 15 per cent of the national production, but this increased requirement again will be largely offset by increased availability, again leaving a full measure of steel for all other requirements."

Mr Sentner said that factors which might retard United States output in 1952 were shortages of scrap and alloying materials and work stoppages. "Any losses of production through the latter will be irretrievably lost" he said.

AN OLD FEAR

But there is still lurking among steel-makers some of the old fear of overall demand falling below supply. This fear centres on the industry's disagreement with the Government about distribution, mainly on the point of compulsory supply to industries which are "defence-supporting" but not wholly engaged in defence work. [illegible] this distribution from Washington, or whether private industry, which had the responsibility of making the steel, shall also have the responsibility of distributing it equitably and effectively.

Mr Sentner raised this question in an address aimed directly at Government control of the industry.

"For our economic survival," he said, "the present controls must be terminated at the earliest possible moment. Government control is often wasteful, arbitrary and subject to political pressure.

BETTER QUALIFIED

"The Government cannot be closely in touch with the hundreds of mills that make steel or the thousands of factories that consume it.

"Given the oportunity, I believe the steel industry is better qualified to do the job faster, at lower cost, more efficiently and, if the experience of the last few months is any criterion, with considerably less confusion.

"Centrally-administered controls will not, and cannot, work efficiently in a capitalistic economy, no matter how wise, talented and honest the administrators may be.

"The incalculable complexities of a great industry in a free economy, the enormous intricacies of the marketing operations that make up the distribution of any major product in that economy, are simply beyond the power of any man and any planning board to control, short of a 100 per cent military objective which discards consideration of the civilian economy."

Thus, steel, in addition to being the "basic sinew" in the struggle between ideological blocs, seems likely to represent also the banner of those blocs economic system — free enterprise versus State Socialism. — Reuter.

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Foreign Exchanges In NY

New York, Jan. 21.

Canada	US$0.99⅞
England—official	2.78⅛
unofficial	2.32 bid/ 2.37 asked
30-day futures	2.77⅛
90-day futures	2.75⅝
Australia	2.22½
New Zealand	—
South Africa	2.78¾
Belgium	.0198⅛
Denmark	.1455
France	.0028-9/16
West Germany	4.20
Holland	.2605
Italy	.1106¾
Norway	.1405
Portugal	.0370
Spain	.0265
Sweden	.0935
Switzerland	.2290
MIDDLE EAST	
Egypt	2.88⅛
Iran	.03125
Iraq	2.81
Turkey	.5375
LATIN AMERICA	
Argentina	.0705
Brazil	.0500
Bolivia	—
Chile	.0150
Columbia	.4025
Cuba	1.00
Mexico	.1155
Peru	.0500
Uruguay	.4250
Venezuela	.2005
FAR EAST	
India	.2090
Pakistan	.2030
Hongkong	.1750
Indonesia	.3040
Singapore	.3300
Japan	300 yen to US$1

—United Press.

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Rubber Futures In S'pore

Singapore, Jan. 21.

Prices of rubber futures closed today as follows:—

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HONGKONG SHARE MARKET

(From Our Correspondent)

Business done on the Stock Exchange this morning was valued at $423,060. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions:—

SHARES	BUYERS	SELLERS	SALES
BANKS			
HK Bank	158	1585	10 @ 1570 25 @ 1570
INSURANCES			
Union		800	4 @ 795
Underwriters'	4.90		
DOCKS, ETC.			
K. Wharf	101	104	
N. Pt. Wharf	6¾	7	2500 @ 6.80
Dock	17¼		
Provident	13½	13.70	1000 @ 13.60
LAND, ETC			
HK Hotel	5.60	5.70	300 @ 5.60
HK Land	56¼		200 @ 56½ 300 @ 56½
Humphreys	14	14¼	
UTILITIES			
Tram	17½	17¾	1600 @ 17¾
P Tram (O)	23		
P. Tram (N)	11¾		
Star Ferry	112		
C Light (O)	8.65		2000 @ 8.60 2000 @ 8.60 500 @ 8.60
C Light (N)	5.80	6	3000 @ 5.80 1000 @ 5.90
Electric	23½	24	1000 @ 23¾
Elec. (Bonus)	22	22½	400 @ 22½ 900 @ 22¼
Telephone	16	15½	500 @ 15¾ 1000 @ 15½
INDUSTRIALS			
Cement	17.30		2000 @ 17.30 4250 @ 17.20 1000 @ 17.30
Rope	23½		
STORES, ETC.			
Dairy	19.30	19¾	1000 @ 19½
L. Crawford	35	36	
COTTONS			
Ewo	3.10	3.30	

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MARKING TIME IN LONDON

London, Jan. 21.

Dealers largely marked time on the London Stock Exchange today while awaiting results of the Commonwealth Ministers' conference on the gold-dollar problem.

Industrial shares were irregular. Most mining issues showed some firmness, notably coppers.

The recent flurry in Government bonds continued, with the Young Loan issue bouncing up another 4¼ points to 70 and the Dawes Loan series hitting 63¼, a gain of 1½.

The Financial Times' daily index of stocks was 114.5—a new 1951-52 low, off 0.4.

Japanese bonds		
"A"	(4s. of 1899)	65½
"B"	(4s. of 1910)	58
"C"	(5s. of 1907)	77
"D"	(5s. of 1934)	117
"E"	(5½s. of 1934)	69
Consols		61⅜

—Associated Press and United Press.

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New Hongkong Directory

There have, over the past few years, been many requests both locally and from various parts of South-east Asia for some sort of classified directory listing in an easily readable form the Colony's various trades under the headings of Builders, Engineers and Manufacturers.

The International Trade Journal have published just such a directory, compiled and edited most serviceably by Mr Alfred Wong, and it is to appear annually in an increasingly comprehensive and detailed form as more information is received from firms interested in this type of directory. The first edition of the Builders, Engineers and Manufacturer's Classified Directory is a well produced volume, and should be a substantial asset to the commercial side of Hongkong as well as to interested buyers overseas.

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Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local unofficial exchange market this morning at the following rates:—

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ROYAL INTEROCEAN LINES

SAILINGS		To
"TJIPANAS"	Jan. 26th	Japan
"VAN HEUTSZ"	Jan. 28th	Singapore, Penang & Belawan Deli
"TJIWANGI"	Jan. 31st	Singapore, Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaia & Macassar
"TJITJALENGKA"	Feb. 6th	Singapore, Mauritius, Dar-es-Salam, Zanzibar, S. Africa & S. America
"TASMAN"	Feb. 9th	Japan Ports
"TJILUWAH"	Feb. 13th	Singapore, Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaia & Macassar
"TJIBODAS"	Feb. 15th	Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaia & Macassar
"TJISADANE"	Feb. 16th	Japan
"TASMAN"	Feb. 27th	Singapore, Penang & Belawan Deli
"TJIWANGI"	Feb. 29th	Singapore, Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaia & Macassar
"TJIPONDOK"	Mar. 5th	Djakarta, Tjirebon, Semarang, Surabaia & Macassar
"TJISADANE"	Mar. 6th	Singapore, Mauritius, S. Africa & S. America
"TJIPANAS"	Mar. 7th	Manila, Singapore & S. Africa
"TJILUWAH"	Mar. 15th	Singapore, Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaia & Macassar
"TJIKAMPEK"	Mar. 23rd	Djakarta, Tjirebon, Semarang, Surabaia & Macassar
"BOISSEVAIN"	Mar. 23rd	Manila, Singapore, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa & S. America
"VAN HEUTSZ"	Mar. 28th	Singapore, Penang & Belawan Deli
"TJIWANGI"	Mar. 31st	Singapore, Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaia & Macassar
"TJIBODAS"	Apr. 14th	Djakarta, Tjirebon, Semarang, Surabaia & Macassar
"TJILUWAH"	Apr. 15th	Singapore, Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaia & Macassar
"TASMAN"	Apr. 25th	Singapore, Penang & Belawan Deli
"TJIWANGI"	Apr. 30th	Singapore, Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaia & Macassar
"STRAAT MAKASSAR"	May 2nd	Manila, Singapore, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa & S. America
"TJILUWAH"	May 15th	Singapore, Djakarta, Semarang, Surabaia & Macassar
ARRIVALS		**From**
"TJIPANAS"	Jan. 24th	S. America, Africa, Singapore & Manila
"TJITJALENGKA"	Feb. 5th	Japan
"TASMAN"	Feb. 8th	Penang, Belawan Deli & Singapore
"TJILUWAH"	Feb. 10th	Macassar, Surabaia, Semarang, Djakarta & Singapore
"TJISADANE"	Feb. 12th	S. America, E. & S. Africa Singapore & Manila
"VAN HEUTSZ"	Feb. 25th	Penang, Belawan Deli & Singapore

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"OVERIJSEL"	Feb.	7th
"HOOGKERK"	Mar.	7th
"ARENDSKERK"	Apr.	7th
"KIELDRECHT"	May	7th

SAILINGS FROM EUROPE	Sails Rotterdam	Arrives Hongkong
"HOOGKERK"	Sailed Jan. 3rd	Feb. 4th
"ARENDSKERK"	Jan. 30th	Mar. 6th
"KIELDRECHT"	Mar. 5th	Apr. 10th
"AAGTEKERK"	Apr. 2nd	May 8th
"OVERIJSEL"	May 2nd	June 7th

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Cotton In New York

New York, Jan. 21.

Cotton futures opened 45 to 90 cents a bale higher.

March	41.80
May	41.60-62
July	42.22-23
October	38.70
December	38.34
March	38.10 bid
May	38.13
July	37.60 bid

Cotton futures were firm early today as trade buying and short covering met limited offerings.

Mid-morning prices were $1 to $1.55 a bale higher, than the previous close.

March	41.85
May	41.72
July	41.31

—Associated Press.

NEW ORLEANS MARKET

New Orleans, Jan. 21.

Cotton futures closed very steady $2.85 to $3.35 a bale higher.

March	42.37
May	41.10-11
July	—
October	39.19
December	38.85

Spot cotton closed steady $2.50 a bale higher. Sales 1,405.

Middling 42.10; receipts none. Stock 283,283.—Associated Press.

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A NEW FISHING COMPANY

Tokyo, Jan. 21.

The Hokkaido government and the local federation of fishery co-operatives announced today that they are jointly planning the creation of a fishing company with a capital of 600 million yen.

The company will engage in fishing salmon and crabs. The sponsors expect an annual profit of 30 million yen from crabs and 30 million yen from salmon.—Reuter.

London Tin Market

London, Jan. 21.

The tin market opened firm this morning. Turnover was 60 tons, all for forward. Prices closed at the end of the official morning session as follows:—

Spot tin, buyers	969
Spot tin, sellers	971
Business done at	nil
Three-months tin, buyers	968
Three-months tin, sellers	969
Business done at	969-962½
Settlement	970

—United Press.

U. S. PURCHASES

London, Jan. 21.

The Washington correspondent of the Financial Times, quoting an authoritative source, reported today that the United States would shortly negotiate purchases of tin from Indonesia and Bolivia.

The correspondent said that an Indonesian delegation was expected shortly in Washington and the American authorities hoped that contracts could be concluded between Indonesia and the Reconstruction Finance Corporation and the Defence Production Administration at the price of $1.18 per pound, the same price as agreed upon with Britain.—France-Presse.

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Treasury Position

Washington, Jan. 21.

The position of the Treasury compared with the corresponding date a year ago:

Total Debt	[illegible]
Gold Assets	[illegible]

—Associated Press.

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Copra Quotation

New York, Jan. 21.

Copra was quoted today [illegible] —United Press.

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CROWN EVIDENCE IN GRENADE CASE

An objection to the Jury by the accused on the ground that its members were not all Chinese was over-ruled when the trial of To Lam-sin, alias Lai Chai, alias To Tsat, alias To San-lam, 25, charged with the unlawful possession of four hand grenades opened before the Senior Puisne Judge, Mr Justice Gould, in the Criminal Sessions this morning.

His Lordship told the accused that juries were empanelled according to law and his objection therefore could not be sustained.

Earlier, asked by the Clerk of the Court whether he was guilty or not guilty, accused said he was advised by his Counsel not to recognise his Lordship's jurisdiction by pleading. Mr Justice Gould said that under the circumstances the Court would enter a plea of not guilty and the trial was to proceed.

Conducting the Prosecution is Mr W. A. Blair-Kerr, Crown Counsel, assisted by Det. Insp. F. Roberts and Det. Sub-Insp. K. S. Van. Accused is defended by Mr Brook A. Bernacchi, instructed by Mr Peter Mo.

The Court sat at 10.10 a.m. Mr Bernacchi informed the Court that, through no cause of his, he was served with additional evidence at 10 minutes to 10 this morning. His Lordship said he took strong exception. That evidence, he added, should have been served long ago. Mr Blair-Kerr tendered his apologies to the Court and to Defence Counsel.

CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTOR

After the Jury of six men and one women had been called, his Lordship said that he had before him a letter from a member of the Jury, addressed to the Chief Bailiff, stating that the juror did not believe in capital punishment and requested to be excused from any case involving that. One juror said that the letter was written by him and asked to be excused. His Lordship said that the present case involved capital punishment and it was a question of whether the Juror conscientiously was against that. The Juror said he was and he was directed to step down.

Another Juror was called. The new Jury comprised five men and two women.

Opening the case, Mr Blair-Kerr said that accused was charged under section 116A (1) of the Emergency Regulations which stated that any person who, without lawful authority, had in his possession any bomb, grenade, etc. shall be guilty of the offence against these regulations. The issue was whether or not accused in fact was in possession of the four hand-grenades on September 30.

The hand grenades were found in the top floor of No. 80, Queen's Road East, which the Prosecution contended was the residence of accused.

The floor was divided into three cubicles, with a teng (or sitting room) in front. The first cubicle behind the teng was occupied by accused and his wife. An amah, Lam Lai-yuk, slept in the teng, with accused's two children. In the teng was a cabinet used by his master for keeping his clothing. The amah would be called to give evidence for the Prosecution.

RENT RECEIPT

A rent collector, Cheung Chang, would say that he issued rent receipts for the premises in the name of Li Ying up to September last. He was invited to a meeting at a teahouse on September 20, at which the accused and a woman So Ah-toi were present.

Accused after paying two months' rent, asked him to make out the current month's receipt in the name of the woman who was present.

She would be called to say that she took over tenancy of the floor from accused who said that his mother was the original tenant, but had died. His mother's name was Li Ying.

Continuing, the Prosecutor said that a Crown witness, Ko Wai-wan, would give evidence to the effect that on September 29 he met accused by appointment. Accused who had asked him to look over a flat in Kowloon told him that he was about to dispose of his flat at Queen's Road. Later they went to play mah-jong at a mutual friend's place where they slept the night.

The fourth member of the mah-jong quartette would say that he and accused were in each other's company up to 10 p.m. on September 30 when they parted.

In the meantime, the Police, under Insp. Roberts, visited accused's house in Queen's Road on the evening of September 29. They detained a man in the second cubicle. Insp. Roberts found the bottom drawer of the cabinet locked and next day, with the aid of a key from one of the Police Officers present, succeeded in opening it.

Insp. Roberts also examined a safe in the first cubicle, opened it with a key produced by a woman in the cubicle and found a rent receipt which So Ah-toi would say was made out during the meeting with her and the rent collector on September 20.

CABINET FIND

Insp. Roberts would say, the Prosecutor went on, that he dislodged a panel from the floor of the bottom drawer and found several parcels concealed in it.

The contents were four hand grenades.

Subsequently they were examined by the Police Ballistics Officer who found that they were Mills bombs in fairly new condition and could be exploded. Not knowing their previous history, the Officer deemed it unsafe to retain them in his custody and arranged with a Police Officer to have them dumped in the sea. Evidence would be called to say that the grenades were dumped.

Accused was arrested at about 10.45 p.m. on September 30 when he returned to Queen's Road. Searched at the Police Station, he was found to be in possession of a bunch of keys, one of which opened the bottom drawer of the cabinet. Another key opened the safe.

"The Prosecution says that on that evidence, accused was in possession of the four hand grenades, and therefore he was guilty of the offence against these Regulations," the Prosecutor concluded.

The trial is proceeding.

Free Pound A Main Objective

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of the Sterling Area will have freer access to the output of North America and other important regions and to adequate resources of external capital for development.

"It is accordingly necessary that for some years to come the Sterling Area should be in surplus with the rest of the world (including a surplus with the dollar area) and that after taking account of available Sterling assets and long-term investment from abroad all member countries should balance their external accounts.

EARNING EXPANSION

"To do this in the face of the need for national security and higher standards of living clearly requires the maximum possible expansion of earning power. By the development of their productive power members of the Sterling Area will not only strengthen their own economies but will also help to meet the inevitably growing world demand for food, raw materials and other essential goods.

"For some time to come the Commonwealth will not be able to meet this growing demand entirely from its own resources, and developing countries will, therefore, need to rely in varying degrees on investment from outside the Sterling Area.

"We are agreed that such investment is to be welcomed and that all necessary steps should be taken to encourage it.

"We feel that the production of essential raw materials within the Sterling Area would be greatly encouraged by regularity in purchases of such materials by countries outside the Area as this would contribute materially to the long-term stability of the Area and, indeed, of the free world as a whole.

"We are also agreed that an examination should be made as quickly as possible of the opportunities for an early increase in the productive power of member countries and of the possibilities of matching available financial and technical resources with the enterprises most likely to achieve that purpose.

CAPITAL EQUIPMENT

"This examination should take account not only of the general development requirements of member countries and of their need for capital equipment but also the possibilities of increasing their production of food, raw materials and other essential goods.

"We have made arrangements for such an examination to begin forthwith.

"While steps are thus being taken to overcome the immediate problems of the Sterling Area and to accelerate its development, we agree that its recovery will not be complete until the conditions have been created in which Sterling can become and remain convertible.

"Accordingly, it is our definite object to make Sterling convertible and to keep it so. We intend to work towards that goal by progressive steps aimed at creating the conditions under which convertibility can be reached and maintained.

FREQUENT CONSULTATIONS

"It is primarily the responsibility of the members of the Sterling Area themselves to create these conditions (including the achievement of adequate gold reserves) but they cannot be completely realised without the active co-operation of other countries, notably those countries which are consistently in surplus with the rest of the world.

"We have arranged for an investigation of the steps which should be taken along the road to convertibility to begin forthwith.

"We reaffirm the need for frequent and comprehensive consultation within the Commonwealth on the problems of the Sterling Area. In particular, steps will be taken within the next few months and from time to time to review progress on the measures now being taken and proposed."—Reuter.

CHECK YOUR KNOWLEDGE
Answers

1. The nasal cavities, pharynx, larynx, trachea, bronchial tubes, and lungs. 2. Dr George Yeh. 3. Richard Wagner. 4. An instrument for measuring [illegible]

Living Language

Why we say To get your dander up.

The word "dander" comes from the sugar trade of the West Indies for it is the ferment used instead of yeast in the manufacture of molasses. "To get your dander up" is therefore to fly into a ferment of rage and passion.

Farmer Charged With Murder

A 27-year-old farmer, Ma Chan-yang, charged with murder of a woman, appeared before Mr James Wicks at Kowloon this morning.

The case, for committal, recalled the murder of a woman identified as Ng Mei-fan. Her body was discovered in the hillside at Laichikok on October 9.

Ma was alleged to have murdered her on October 6.

Det. Sub-Insp. Scragg said that the body at first could not be identified. Later, a woman whom the Police interviewed, identified it by the clothing.

Evidence would be produced to prove that the dead woman was stabbed and strangled before she finally died. There were wounds on her chest, head and throat. A tape was around the neck when the body was found. The tape was identical to that produced by the factory where defendant worked.

Inquiries were made and defendant eventually went to the Police Station on October 29. He made two statements.

Defendant was said to have been on good terms with the dead woman.

Hearing is continuing.

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BBC Man's Home Ransacked

London, Jan. 21.

Three men at Brentford today were committed for trial on charges of breaking into the Twickenham home of Gilbert Harding, radio and television broadcaster.

They were John Bushell, 27, lorry driver, Albert Hill, 25, labourer, and Frederick Bellchambers, 25, chargehand, all of Brentford.

Harding told the Court that when he left home at about 12.30 p.m. on December 31 all the windows and and doors were fastened. When he returned later he found the front door was ajar. The bedrooms were in a state of disorder. The value of the articles missing was £350. He identified two suits as his property. The value of the property recovered was about £65.—Reuter.

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Girl Guides' Gift To Hospital

Four of Girl Guides with Mrs Owen Hughes, the Colony Commissioner, will be visiting the Nethersole Hospital tomorrow to present a cheque to Dr Alderton.

Two years ago the Girl Guide Association, Hongkong Branch, endowed a cot in the children's ward and during the year each Guide and Brownie tries to earn one dollar towards the annual subscription. The emphasis is on earning; some made cakes and biscuits, some painted Christmas Cards and sold them; some undertook baby-sitting. Brownies cleaned shoes or picked up tennis balls. One Pack dressed two dolls and held a guessing competition on their names. In the course of the year many Guides and Brownies [illegible] to see their cot.

A Scottish Fashion

Bringing a touch of colour to the Perth Drag Hunt Ball last week in Scotland was this fashion note in male dinner dress. On the left is Major James Drummond-Hay, and wearing a tartan dinner jacket is Major James Drummond-Moray, of Abercairney. (Central Press)

Meeting Of Eden And Salah el Din Denied In Paris

Paris, Jan. 21.

An Egyptian spokesman, Mahmoud Azmi Bey, today emphatically denied reports that Salah el Din Bey, the Egyptian Foreign Minister, had been invited to talks in London with the British Foreign Minister, Mr Anthony Eden.

The spokesman also denied that Salah el Din was himself seeking such a meeting.

In reply to questions, he said that the number of British troops in the Canal Zone, stated by Mr Winston Churchill to total approximately 50,000, was no longer a matter for complaint as contravening the Anglo-Egyptian treaty arrangements because the treaty itself was no longer in existence as far as Egypt was concerned.

Commenting on the week-end clashes in the Canal Zone and the assassination of an American nun, he said that the incident was being investigated by a Mixed Commission of Egyptian, American and British officials to establish responsibility for the murder.

The spokesman said that there was a strong belief in Egypt that the death had been caused by a bullet from the rifle of a British soldier. He implied that the incident might have been provoked by Britain to provide a pretext for further intervention and, above all, to back Mr Churchill's demand for four-Power intervention in the Zone. British correspondents walked out in protest.—Associated Press.

Cairo, Jan. 21.

Police arrested 17 student demonstrators during the funeral here today of Sampir Abdu Naga, a 15-year-old student who was killed in clashes between students and police yesterday, police sources said.

The funeral was attended by several thousand students, some of whom shouted slogans against the Government and against the British.

The funeral procession was allowed to continue to the Moslem cemetery outside Cairo. When the police pounced on the ringleaders, no one was injured, police sources added.

Earlier today the funeral took place quietly of another student killed in the demonstrations yesterday.—Reuter.

INVESTIGATION

Washington, Jan. 21.

A State Department spokesman said today that the United States was still trying to find out who was responsible for the shooting of the American nun, Sister Anthony, at Ismailia.

He said that the British authorities contended that an eyewitness had seen her shot at close range by an Egyptian terrorist, while the Egyptian authorities claimed that she was hit by a stray British bullet.

The American Ambassador in Cairo, Mr Jefferson Caffery, had not succeeded in obtaining details from the Egyptian Foreign Office and the acting Egyptian Foreign Minister, Ibrahim Farag Pasha, has expressed his "deep regret" and promised an immediate investigation.—Reuter.

Cairo, Jan. 21.

The Egyptian Government, in a special communique tonight, asserted that it had been proved beyond doubt that American-born Sister Anthony was killed by a British bullet.—Reuter.

DEBATE POSTPONED

Cairo, Jan. 21.

The foreign affairs debate in the Egyptian Parliament was tonight postponed for the fourth time until the return of the Foreign Minister, Salah El Din Pasha, from Paris early next month.

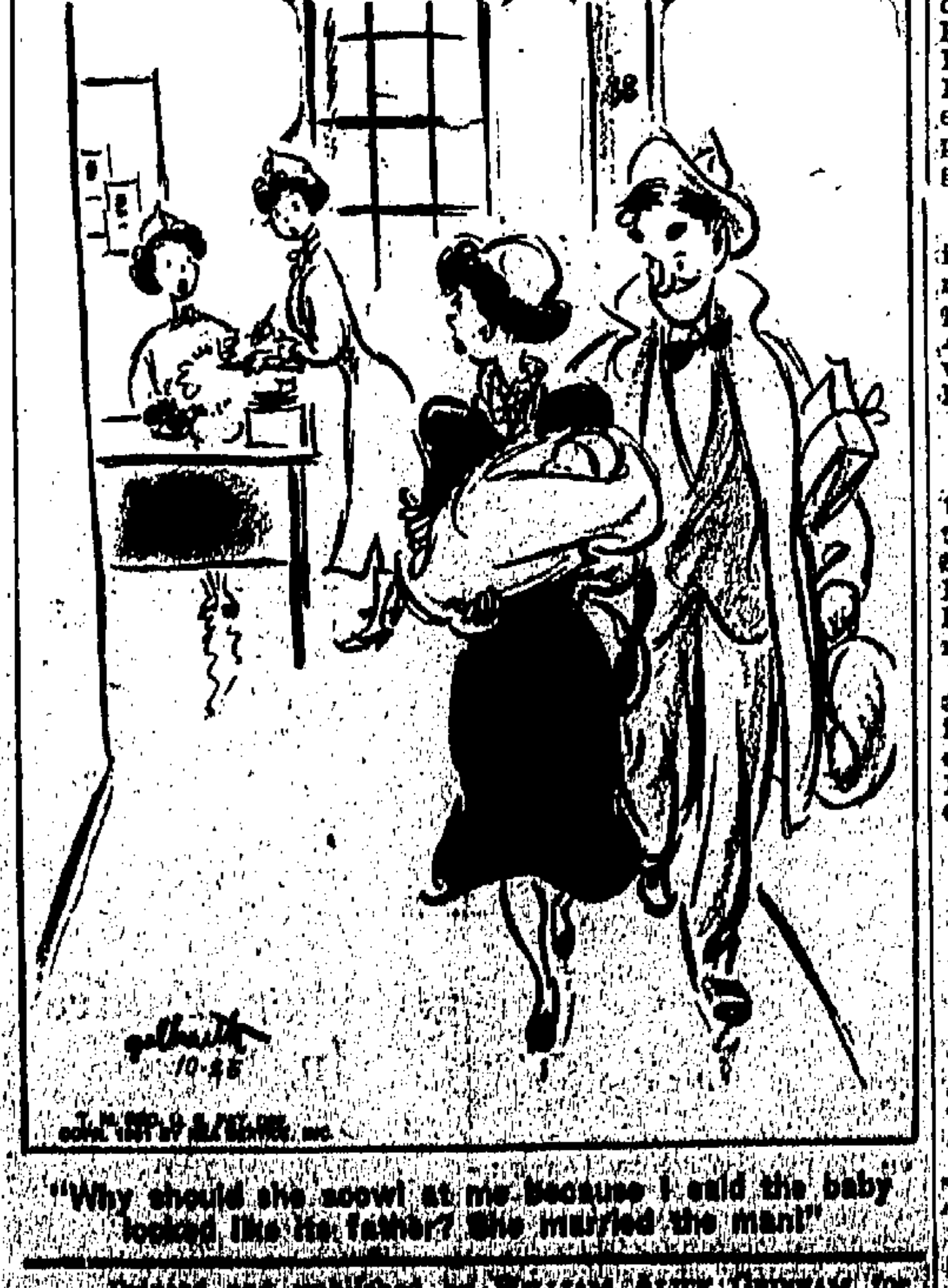
Both the Chamber of Deputies and the Senate have been pressing the Government for the debate since it abrogated the 1936 Anglo-Egyptian Treaty on October 10.—Reuter.

INTELLIGENCE TEST SOLUTION

"So, odd challenger, dust wig" is an anagram of Charles Lutwidge Dodgson, whose pseudonym was Lewis Carroll.

London Express Service.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith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"Why should she scowl at me because I said the baby looked like its father? She married the man!"

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Airport Mishap: Arm Severed

Rome, Jan. 21.

The propeller of an airliner loped off the arm of an Italian driver, Otello Carloni, in the landing field of Ciampino Airport here tonight.

Carloni was the driver of a jeep on the field when the liner [illegible] past on its way to the parking lot. One of the propellers struck the driver, amputating his arm, and overturned the jeep.—Reuter.

HMS ALACRITY MEN GIVEN GAOL SENTENCES

Attack On Taxi-Driver On A Peak Road

Pleading guilty before the Chief Justice, Sir Gerard Howe, at the Criminal Sessions this morning to assaulting a taxi driver on November 20 last with intent to rob him, three sailors of HMS Alacrity were given terms of imprisonment.

AB Roydon Stacey, 26, of Pentre, Glamorganshire, received 18 months and AB Edward Bean, 22, of Aldershot, and AB William John Henry Toomey, aged 21, of Paddington, were each sentenced to one year.

In passing sentence, his Lordship told the ratings that crimes of violence in this Colony could be met with imprisonment for life with, or without, corporal punishment and if they had committed the full offence in this instance the sentence would have been very heavy and might have carried corporal punishment with it.

Accused were originally charged with robbery with aggravation to which they pleaded not guilty on arraignment before Mr Justice Gould yesterday. This morning, Mr Percy Chen, instructed by Mr A.S.C. Comber, for the defence said that the accused had expressed their willingness to plead guilty to assault with intent to rob.

Mr Patrick Yu (Crown Counsel) was assisted by Det-Sub-Insp T. M. S. Chalmers for the prosecution and he accepted the plea.

IN MITIGATION

In an address in mitigation, Mr Chen said that what the accused had committed was a very foolish prank which they had conceived in a reckless state under the influence of drink. In fact they all had money on them especially Stacey who had $16.90.

All three had good records on board ship and had served between Korea and Malaya. The crime was committed on the first occasion they had had shore leave in eight months. It was Stacey who pulled the driver of the taxi into the back compartment.

Counsel said that Stacey joined the Royal Navy at the age of 24 and had worked as a miner when 14. In the last war he served in the Territorials as a qualified gunner.

Born in Aldershot, Bean went with his father to Egypt at the age of ten and then to Palestine. Owing to disturbances, he had only two weeks' schooling.

Toomey, said Mr Chen, was nine years old when war broke out. Like all other children he was evacuated to the country and it was only years later that his mother was able to have him with the family and to give him the care which a mother could give. Owing to domestic differences between his parents he lacked the care of his father. He joined the Navy in September, 1948.

NO BRUTAL WEAPON

In their favour, said Counsel, it could be said that no brutal weapon was used and the driver was not seriously injured.

Counsel asked his Lordship, in the circumstances, and as a man of the world and a father, to give the men sentences which would be just and merciful.

Mr Chen brought to the Court's notice a case of similar nature last year in which Mr Hin-shing Lo sentenced two British sailors to eight months. In that case, the accused had assaulted the taxi driver rather violently.

Lt Childe, RN, said the three men bore very good records and he had looked after their interests since they were arrested.

His Lordship granted a request by Mr Chen that the sentences date from November 22 which was their first appearance at the Magistracy.

"You have excellent records. It is a pity that you have to spoil your own records and place a difficult task upon me," remarked the Chief Justice in imposing the sentences.

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Vietminhese Repulsed

Hanoi, Jan. 21.

Following a short but bloody battle, French forces repulsed last night a Vietminh attempt to regain control of terrain commanding access to Colonial Road No. 6, according to reports reaching here today.

The Vietminh attack was preceded by a heavy artillery barrage. Many as yet uncounted Vietminh soldiers were killed in hand-to-hand fighting.

The two-day-old operation launched by the Franco-Vietnamese forces in the Red River delta was developing very favourably, a dispatch said, adding that the Franco-Vietnamese forces had won the first round of the hide-and-seek game they were playing with the Vietminh and had killed 100 of them 15 kilometres southeast of Namdinh near Doquan.—France-Presse.

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Danish Consul Robbed

The Danish Consul, Mr E. Huttemeier, was one of three complainants at Central this morning in a case in which Man Chi-hung, 23, pleaded guilty to stealing clothing from parked vehicles at Ewo Street. Defendant was sentenced to 18 months by Mr W. N. Thomas Tam.

Det Sub-Inspector W. E. Thomas said defendant, acting in a suspicious manner at Ewo Street on January 17 at about 10 p.m. was arrested by a detective. Enquiries revealed that he had stolen some clothing from two cars belonging to Messrs E. Huttemeier and W. Williamson parked in Ewo Street on January 3. On January 15, Man also stole a lady's overcoat from Leung Pui's car, also parked in Ewo Street. Nineteen pawntickets and a blue canvas bag were found and articles recovered from the pawnshop were identified by complainants.

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Radio Hongkong

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6, Programme Summary; 6.02, London Studio Melodies (BBCTS) Eric Robinson and His Orchestra, Eric Whitley & Maureen Springer (Vocal); 6.30, Cantonese by Radio given by Miss Lee Wai Lan and S.K. Lee (Studio); 6.50, Amparo and Jose Iturbi on two Pianos; 7, Time Signal and World News (London Relay); 7.10, The New Concert Orchestra; 7.30, "Down Memory Lane"—presented by Aileen Woods (Studio); 7.50, Weather Report; 8, "From the Editorials" (Recorded Relay); 8.10, "Box 200" Bert [illegible] at the Console; 8.30, Take it from here (BBCTS) with Joy Nichols, Dick Bentley and Jimmy Edwards; 9, Music and Songs of Cole Porter; 9.30, Musical Notebook—presented by the Rev. Father T. F. Ryan S.J. (Studio); 10, "Les Sylphides"—Ballet (Chopin); 10.30, A Short Recital by Oscar Natzka (Bass); 10.45, [illegible]

Chatham Bus Calamity Trial

London, Jan. 21.

John Samson, driver of the bus concerned in the accident which 24 Royal Marine cadets were killed, denied in the witness box at the Old Bailey today he took a chance by driving down hill using only sidelights.

He pleaded not guilty to the charge of driving a bus dangerously.

Asked why he was not using headlights, Samson said he did not turn them on because he did not think it necessary as he had been up and down the road so many times [illegible]

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